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not a hard or exact master either with my employees or pupils - but I feel that for the good & comfort of all when rules are made they ought to be kept to. I shall be glad to receive from you in reply to this - a formal answer - definitely applying for the position & stating that you agree to do what I have required as stated in my last letter - also by what is the earliest date at which you could commence. On receiving that I shall probably be able to give you a more definite answer as to the likelihood of your being accepted - & in that case it will be well to have an interview & understand plainly what the duties will be.

Yours sincerely -

S. T. Wilson

I have no objection to your consulting Mrs Williams & if you wish Mrs B. I think it can be arranged on Thursday night at 8 o.

May 8th 1865

Dear Mr Bennetts

I have received your letter in reply to mine - & am gratified that you seem so willing to fall in with my proposals - As I may not have time to call & see you to-morrow I will write a few lines to night.

I cannot at present make any definite offer of the place as I am awaiting an answer from another party - still it is quite possible that my decision may be in your favor - & I will say this much - that should you be chosen & fill

the position - I only trust that you
may fill it as faithfully & prove
as loyal to me in seconding my efforts
on behalf of the Indian Children as
did your brother Samuel who was for
5 years my school master. My present
school master Mr Norton has not been
loyal to me - & seems to care little
about their Homes or the Indian children
beyond just doing his duty as school teacher
- He has also I feel had a bad
influence with my Cousin John Wilson -
all this has been very disagreeable
time - as you may imagine - & I have
often wished that I had your brother
Samuel back - to whom I always

felt I could speak free, without
having my words talked over behind
my back - For Christs sake on whom
alone my hope I feel & am sure Confidence
& mutual good feeling between the principal
- at head of the institution & the Superintendent
& school master who are working with him
Although you have your faults - I
believe you to be an honest straightforward
man - & if the way I do open for me
to employ you I will take you as
such - I should give you my confidence
& should expect your confidence in
return -
Before finally engaging a superintendent
I shall write out a new set of
general rules by which the affairs of
the Institution are to be conducted so that
it may work all straight & easily - I am

May 4th/65

Dear Mr Rosecrans

Since I wrote you
in regard to what seems to me best it
is said that - as you have not
[illegible] depend on you - to put
[illegible] upon you the acceptance of
this superintendency - for I learn
that I could not guarantee that the
position will be available beyond the
limit of one year - it might be
folly for you to give up what you
so [illegible] for a position which at
present has so uncertain of continuance
with I will try to find a young unmarried
man in his employ - possibly at the
end of a year - things may be more settled
& I might be able to offer you a permanent

Yrs Truly

May 11th 75

Rev'd Reid

Rat you will be sure this morning about the anniversary of members of the congregation to pay their Lenten ticket has been handed in to each — When I as God's minister received those tickets on the alms dish & presented them on the Holy Table I believed those tickets to represent the Lenten offerings of the people — & the understanding was that they were to be paid within a week after the close of Lent. Everyone who heard me in Church knows that I stated my distinctly that they were to be Lenten offerings that the tickets represented to me, which the people were putting by for God's service each week & were to be redeemed at the close of Lent

As God's minister I now demand that you as Churchwarden collect the whole amount within two days

If any member of the congregation fails to pay within two days — named by Rev'd right — I will pay it for them — & it will become my debt to me — I intend that the whole amt of all is in your hands by Wednesday night

Yrs Sincerely —
G. H. Wilson

You can do as you see fit about Thursday — If you will present a fair meeting — I will end it here.

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May 11/85

Dear Bro Rev

Yrs many thanks for yr kind offer to take another Indian girl in Kavanaugh's place - I am glad that Jane do not grow weary in well doing. This is one way towards that Peter may be after will not let his little girl stay long as there is one of our nicest girls & left us as well - but he only signed agreement for her stay 2 years - I am in hopes that after a year at home she may come back to us again. The Indians sometimes do this. I have been quite ill the last few weeks - my strength being overtaxed -

& am not well from home as bed - I must try & get a substitute to take my place home for a few months & get a little change - It is constantly needful that Sabbath should sometimes among the Indians remind the parents of our children &c & maintain their confidence & also get new ones - I think shall of making a tour of Canada again so as to arouse fresh interest -

If I could do more Sunday School & undertake support of children - it would pay & undertake to salary - & give me more power & get rid about - as a portion of

Govmt grant at present applied support of individual children &c be deducted & added to the Superintendts' salary - I wonder if yourself & Mrs Rose could do any thing in this matter -

For a new girl - I would advise to take Nancy Thomas - when Hannah goes home - Several of the old ones are leaving - & probably there will be new ones coming - so perhaps you'd prefer waiting - However I will ask Mrs Campbell & send you particulars about Nancy -

Yrs sincerely
E. Y. Wilson

May 12/85

Messrs Bissell
Dear Sirs

I must ask your attention to my letter to you of last 6th which I wrote Sadler. If we have not persons in the office to understand print & run setter by the work I do I will not be able to undertake jobs of this kind. I sent you my C/Os April 14th corrected & sent back proof the 25th - saw you afternoon of 28th. When you asked a day or two delay on account of state of the rain. You could have got the forms over by May 2nd at latest - instead of which we

to the 12th of May + added "proof"
then "a correction" - set up by
some one who evidently knows all
spelling. Unless a clean
proof can be sent back to me
this morning + the forms sent over
this afternoon I must ask for all
copy to be returned at once + I
will send below to get it published.
I also return the cards as they
are not accurate + pattern - + the
word 'principal' is spelt wrong -
I do not care to have such egregious
ignorance laughed over by all the
printers in the boats -

Yrs truly
S. L. Wilson

You will remember that last June
day - April 28th I asked you to see
about the Race - + you said there
was room for all the accounts - but
not room for Miss Pipe's account of
"little Martha". I then requested that
proofs of the accounts might be sent
one at once - twice after that I
sent for proofs of the accounts - but
in vain - + now they have come at
this late date - they are in such a
state that they must be corrected again
at time of the last issue 2 months
ago - I offer much proofs about the
necessity of always having the accounts
in Between days might be left out as
people look to our paper for acknowledg
of their contributions. - a little systematic
oversight of this kind would I think
save a great deal of annoyance both
to yourself + others

P.H.W.

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Shingwauk Home
Sault Ste Marie
Algoma May 15th 1885

The Lt. Gov. Genl. of Indian Affairs
Ottawa

Sir,

I am in receipt of your favor of 6th inst. with enclosed copies of letters as stated.

I beg to hand you herewith the agreement that was signed by W. Smith which he denies having signed in his letter to Dr. Walton of Apl. 22nd

With regard to the other charges made by Walker Smith as reasons why his son should not return to me I beg to inform you that he only paid me $6.00 when I saw him at Parry Sound & I then told him that I could only accept that if the agreement was not signed by him as he stated, but upon reaching home I found

agreement duly signed & returned the $5.00 to him at once. Of course you are aware that at Institutions of this kind the boys have to do a certain amount of work, but James Smith was never called upon to do more than his fellow Scholars. It may be quite possible that the boy wore home clothes that he came here in but that does not alter the fact that I had to supply him with others for the time he was here and I am asking decidedly less than he would have to pay anywhere else for them, and if necessary can furnish you with a list of same.

I also beg to inform you that I have had a letter from the boy himself saying that he would like to return to me very much if his father would permit him.

I remain Sir
Yours faithfully
Edward T. Wilson

May 15/80

Rev. J. M. Webber

Dr Sir

In reply to yr kind note — I am sending you one of our Annual Reports which is this year written specially for children — The little girl whom I will ask you to support is named Albertine [illegible] — about 7 years old — She is rather a delicate child & not able to learn fast — but being a little girl of a family of 3 children we prefer her to any other one —

Yrs sincerely
E. F. Wilson

Shingwauk Home
Sault Ste Marie
Algoma May 15th 1885

The
Gen.l
of Indian Affairs
Ottawa

Sir,

In reply to your favour of 6th inst.
I of course submit to the decision
of the Educational Department regarding
the manuscript I sent you. At the
same time I consider the elementary
books used for the education of white
children are unsuitable for Indians for
the reason that when they first come to school
they are ignorant of the English language,
and in our Indian Schools the salaries
of the teachers are so small that a
first class teacher will not take one on
that account. I doubt whether in the
whole district of Ontario there is one

teacher of an Indian School who has passed the Normal School examination.

At present no facilities are afforded for an Indian pupil who has been taught at our homes to attend the Normal School. We have at present a very intelligent boy pupil who would be able to enter next Spring if there were facilities. There is also an Indian girl a former pupil of our home who has been teaching for the last year in one of our Indian Schools and now wishes to return to us to improve herself so as to obtain a certificate, she also might pass the Normal School if any provision were made for her to do so.

I remain Sir,

Yours faithfully

Edward F. Wilson

May 15th 05

Dear Sir

We have received your letter of the 13th inst. and will be obliged if you will send us a new die cut to the full address as before.

Please send us 1 ream of each of Nos 3. This is to be stamped plain — the stamping in blue ink —

Also one box of each No. and envelope — the square size (No. 6) to have the crest on the flap plain — address as before

Yours truly

Wm. Wilson

Sault Ste Marie
May 15th 05

The Dept. of the Interior
Ottawa

Sir

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 13th inst. and the Canadian Postage Stamps in exchange for the Algoma Missionary News as formerly.

I have to request you will send me April and May — 4 months each to the end of March number

Yours truly
Wm. Wilson

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Confidence that exists between
& I do not see it is possible for me to
expect any one to feel about the Indians
in this way I do myself.

May 16

My dear Lord –

I am glad to suppose
Jenny Mrs Mitchell – returning
Home Dixon & Mrs Carley –
3 months as superintendent
to rate of £350 per annum – &
was. So far as I have
him I like him very much. Seems
very active & obliging – & has been
keeper on the C.P.R. He will com-
reside in about a week.

As regards schoolmaster I have
written again to Mr Branch to see
if he will come for the summer – so
as to take service in Chapel while I
am away as well as teach. I

are getting much better Lawrence thankful to say - but had another bout of it since last writing - & took us duty last Sunday - On Ascension day Lawrence me had services in the morning - & I tried both the people up a little about building the Bell Room &c - Just now School is closed & all the boys hard at work outside - working in gangs - & getting pay - the Juniors do a mornings School in the afternoon & the Std boys in the morning. It seems to work very well - & we are getting through a "pile" of work.

I am very sorry for the impression made on you by my letter - I know you are an excellent friend of the Indian so far as extending the kind hand & them as a poor helpless people capable of very little improvement beyond this - I have not felt that I had your sympathy or co-operation - It is a hard uphill work seeing little good & meeting disappointment & trying again - to alleviate ones being & raise them from degradation & make them a self supporting prosperous Christian people. But perhaps I shall only make matters worse by saying more - so that it will be better as you suggest in yr letter to drop it - & pass it over as tho' Not Said in my letter had never been said - I hope that both may ever cease to mar the good feeling &

May 16/73

Dear Mr Bennett

Your [illegible] reached me [illegible] I will [illegible] as superintendent for 3 months - I have tried to do what seemed to be best so as our bill will not be much disappointed - Of course there was in the case considerable uncertainty - as it was to depend on next post on the marriage - & the parties will have to agree with as well as yourself - Of course if the present pattern does not suit the place will be vacant at the end of the [illegible] (Yours sincerely) J. H. Pritchard

St Mary's
May 19/73

Mrs Thomas Harrison

Will you kindly

Send the following order -

1 bedroom water Caraffe + 3 tumblers
12 best tumblers odd cut or plain
1 fruit mug -
6 tea cups + saucers White & gold
6 tea plates (odd fluted) "
1 large bread + butter plate "
1 White bedr. jug + basin large
1 soap dish + slambeau do
1 tea tray (24 x 19)

To match dessert set (green & gold band)

2 dishes 18 x 13
2 " 16½ x 11½
1 " 13½ x 9½
1 soup plate
4 pudding plates
4 Cheese "

For kitchen - 6 White plates (9 in.)
4 " Cups + saucers
2 meat dishes 16½ x 11½

(retain)

2 meat dish 13½ × 9½
1 glass sugar basin
1 butter dish
6 tumblers

Yrs truly

May 19/85

Rev. W. G. Darkin

Dear Sir -

I have no specific charges to bring against Mr. Glass - all I have to say is that I consider him a young man quite devoid of Christian principle - I have several times had serious talks with him - endeavoured to point him to give up all thoughts of wanting the ministry - Yrs faithfully

J. F. Wilson

Shingwauk Home
Sault Ste. Marie
May 19/85

Mr Solomon Mark.

Dear friend -

I received yr. letter and the $5. I will let your little boy Jonas come home this summer as you wish - on account of his sister having died - It is likely I may come to visit you about the middle of June and in that case will bring Jonas with me. If I cannot come I will send him. I hope those other children Nancy & Samuel & Alexander whose parents signed agreement are ready to come back - I enclose tickets for them which please give them - They must come up the 1st of June - yours truly J. F. Wilson

this will give me a change — & will I hope help to set me up — I think also of visiting about a little among the Indians — I very much hope that Mr M. may prove satisfactory — & that I may have means afforded me to keep him permanently — in which case I shall be able to turn my attention to a larger share of the work in which I am engaged — & by God's blessing endeavour to extend it — Pray rebellion in the N. West — will I hope drive this people back to the need of hard work as we have here to do —

I am glad to say I have a good farm man for this year — I built a small cottage for him & he has just moved in with his family — Remember me to Lucy — & to my affectionate Son

Dec 31

My dear father

I fear Mama & you

[illegible] just write — [illegible]
have laid me more [illegible]
comfortable [illegible] but [illegible]
now, am thankful to say [illegible]
better — I take hold of [illegible] and
attend to things — It is as well
for people that tell me not to work
work — As long as I have strength
& station on my hands work
must be done — if I neglect it
one day there are 2 days work to
be done the next day — and
unfortunately I have had no help

his writes beyond that I ponder me by 2 of our dominion boys – the schoolmaster being a lazy loafing fellow who just lies on his back & smokes out of school hours –

I have come to the conclusion that I must have a superintendent under me – & look after things – at any rate for a time – & have happily found a young man who seems the just what we want. He is a gentleman – son of a clergyman & connected with several good families in Toronto – name Homer D. Mitchell – aged about 25 – has been book keeper on the Canada Pacific Railway – understands accounts thoroughly – also seems very active & sensible. Still of course we cannot tell what he is for till he has been on trial – So I have engaged him for 3 months – & he is to come almost immediately – He had him here to stay 3 days first as a visitor – & we all like what we have seen of him – quite gentlemanly & pleasant – & the children made great friends with him.

Well, the next thing will be for me, after I have got him settled in & work, & make a tour round & try & increase our funds – Otherwise I have no means of paying him – However

Sault Ste Marie
May 19/85

Merchants Bank of Montreal

Sir

Indorsed finds
Cheque on #150 (No. 21690)
with which please credit my
Ed. Homes &c-

Yrs truly
T. L. Wilson

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added
Rev. C. J. Miller

Sault Ste Marie
May 22nd/85

Dr Walton
Dr Sir

I have just received
yrs of the 13th inst - & in the
meantime you will have heard
again from me - enclosing passage
ticket for Eliza J. Walker -
In regard to Walker Smith's boy
James - I will not press matters
with the father - as I think he is a
cruel fellow & if he & his home
were Restituted if sent out - Still
my belief is that the boy himself wishes
to return here - & as the father duly
signed agreement for him to remain 5
years witnessed by Capt Skene & the Chief,
I think every thing should be done that can be
done to induce the father that he come - If
boy does not wish to come back I will get rid of him as
I can
Yrs truly
T. L. Wilson

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Chickasaw Nation
Fort Washita
May 23 1785

Rev. T. Clarke
Dear Sir

You will recollect I expect have received my letter of March 22d as to trouble in the Indians began about that time. It must have been a time of intense anxiety to you & great disappointment to have so much of your work so entirely for the present. Still - I doubt not that all will in due time be overruled for the best by our Heavenly Father - and I trust that peace will be restored & our best policy towards the

branch Institution connected with us. Will you kindly give me your views on the subject - & talk on when I write you if I can come up - also that Brother Hotchkiss time will be of sufficient a few days to return with me.

I see by the papers that you are at Virginia as well don't know here -

Yours sincerely -
T. J. Wilson

Indians to take their children & train them up to useful lives - rather than overload them with presents as has been done - & thus after all keep & fight them.

I was very much interested in that letter in the Mail written by a Miss Taylor - about your boys leaving the institution & all your boys desert you except one faithful little fellow 'Jack' - I read the account to my Indian boys & it was all greatly interested & it went me to get 'Jack' here to our school. I feel very much inclined to come up & pay you a visit in the course of the summer - & I have thought that during the present disturbed state of things - it might not be possible for me to get some of these Indian children to our Home here - I think we might do more for the Indians if these Institutions could in some way be connected one with another - I don't know that the position of our Institution is - but mine is not distinctively Diocesan - It is simply an Indian Home & I am at liberty to receive Indian children from any place & like to come from - I have an idea of trying to make this a large central Institution & have them

Scalp the Dr
May 26. /85

C. Dr Chaney Esq
Dear Sir

I have received a petition signed by fourteen of the Walpole Island Indian parents of our pupils - requesting me to make the holiday vacation as to think Oct 23d too late a date for their children to be returning up the lakes.

Will you please in reply say I know that my reason to make the change are

(1) That pupils have been very irregular in returning after the holidays. When we began school last summer Aug 28th only 13 boys had returned & 4 girls - & it was not until the 23d October that we had got our full number. I thought that by making the holidays at the Children would be more likely to return punctually.

(2) I have found it impossible to make our farm labor produce much on account of all the pupils being away visiting at the busiest time in the summer.

We have a great many visitors & we have the Hon during summer - they are much disappointed when they

find both the Homes closed — & it does harm from Institutions — people not being able to have them in work order.

am willg to accede to the wishes of the Indians & make the holidays 6 weeks earlier — viz: from July 24th to Sept 14th — on the following conditions — that 12 boys & 5 girls remain here on the vacation — & that the Sta children do go home — are sent back to us punctually, so as to be ready for re-opening of School Sept 14.

The following boys are willg to remain here for the vacation. Isaac Samson, Joseph Samson, Mackenzie Rankin, Ernest Altman, Thomas White — also 7 Girls from the Reserves.

If this is agreed to & the Sta pupils come back punctually — I will arrange for the holidays always to commence on July 24th each year — instead of in the Fall.

If there are any new pupils to come — agreement to be in — I at once — if they enter next week — Hon.

Parents &c are able & do so must send passage money & pay the ticket on the boat both ways.

If any pupil is unable return punctually owg to sickness or family bereavement - the parent should notify you so that you may certify me of the fact, but any time lost in this way must be made up afterwards -

Children remaining here for the holidays will receive pocketmony when required to do work the same as during Garden Recess.

I have not yet received agreements for Maria Jones, Nancy Jones, & Charlotte Knapp, & ~~Eliza~~ Hence 3 girls cannot be allowed to leave until agreements are signed, as I received them last fall on that understanding. - Maria & Charlotte old ste, 3 years & Nancy 4 years.

Yrs faithfully

D. D. Wilson

to town – the last week in Jan – next term not yet decided – I however need not interfere with your coming – If school is closed there will be a dozen boys or so remaining – & Bible class – & service going on – so that I would engage one at any rate for the 2 months that is from Jan 1st & Left 1st – & if you found it suited you – & we could get on well together – the boy sent might be extended – Since last writing to you – I have engaged a nice young fellow – named Mitchell – as superintendent – & you'd have little to do beyond teaching – & service (& an occasional walk) – While here you will

have to sleep & take your meals in the Institution with the Superintendent & Matron – Chapel is separate from the Institution – services plain – we are 1½ mile from the Vault – quite in the country – My own house adjoins the Institution – I and Mrs Wright the pupils & employees from both Homes & occasionally a stray visitor – so you had better come via Colly and I will pay the boat fare from here one way – If you put out stays 4 or 5 weeks – do so – or let me know time & secure room we see before you leave –

I regard it now as decided that you will come 1st of Jan (a week ago or 2 after) for at any rate 4 or 5 weeks

My dear Lord Wright

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the holidays begin July 24 instead of Sept 4 - ; We cannot manage to let all the children go home during the summer months - as the farm & garden & other work have to be attended to. David Rodd, Jr. Jackson, & Willie Adams will remain here this summer.

Dec 29/85

Dear Wilson

Have just read Supt Pratt's letter in which he says that you are now the Chief & I am very glad of it as I think you will be able to do good work for the Indians & be more civilized & industrious -

May I ask you kindly to see about two boys. Those for whom I signed agreement for. Have to remain at the shipwreck Home, but he did not come back to us last Fall. Their names are Johnny Riddle & Francis Adams. I have

written several times to Revd John Jacobs about it. The boys might then be sent back about the 1st week in June - & I enclose you 2 tickets to pay their way up. + 1 for Mary Peters. (she has become back dear)

Adam Kijoshk has done well on Walpole Island both his after boys for me - & seeing that they come up on time. And I would be very glad if you wd do the same for me at Sarnia. All I require is - that the Indians keep the agreements they have entered into. Here is one little boy sick named Chas. Frampton whom I am going to send home to his g. and mother Mrs Bird, but I want Mr Inspr. to guarantee me the passage money £3 2. 25 out of Mrs Bird's next annuity.

Yrs sincerely -
S. L. Wilson

We have had Miss Pipe here all winter, & she has been very kind to the Indian girls. Are there any more boys or girls want to come? If so I will send you the agreement & passage. If the Indians agree for 4 or 5 of the Sarnia children & remain here for the holidays - I will make

Ecole Indian Homes Ste Anne des Plaines

The Editor of the Dominion Churchman

Dear Sir.

Our Annual Report of the past year is now in the hands of our Supporters, - and I have also sent a number of Copies to Superintendents of Sunday Schools which are not at present assisting our work in the hope that they may see their way to do so. We are very much in need at the present time of increased help, - the reasons being (1) that our work is increasing & we have the prospect of a larger number of pupils than we have had for some years, (2) that within the last few years our funds have been falling off, (3) that after doing my utmost to keep up the work by my own individual exertions I find it impossible to continue to do so, & have engaged an Assistant Superintendent who will relieve me of a great deal of the detail of management & enable me from time to time to travel around both among the Indians whose children we receive and our White friends & those we look for support, both of which steps are necessary in order for our Homes to prosper.

I am glad to say that in response to my appeal our English friends are showing themselves & hope they will continue to show a deeper interest, - and I am also

let that it is to Canada's eternal disgrace to withhold for the support of my Indian children, — I trust that more Industrial Schools will be found to adopt our pupils & provide for their maintenance, the charge being $75 per annum, or of daily is but $50.

I trust if God will, to extend our work, & to try & do far more for the Indians than has yet been done. I think these recent troubles in the North West should stir people up to do more for the education & Christian training of young Indians. It is wise economy better to spend money for this than in fighting their poor ignorant parents. I am exceedingly glad to hear that the rebels in the North West were almost without exception either Roman Catholics or Pagans. & that the protestant Indians refused to join them. Why are we leaving those N. West Indians almost entirely to Roman Catholic missionaries? Even here in Algoma the great bulk of the Indian population is Roman Catholic, & our Church of England missions are few and far between. Surely this is not as it should be. My friends, throughout Canada know that I have been & am exerting myself on behalf of these poor Indians my strength has failed; I have not received the support & help that I need. And now in the future, if God spare me, I want to do more. I want to add four buildings here, — & make this a large central

Institution with accommodation for double the number of young braves that we can take at present, & I see that this Institution may one after another arise in the North West which may in some way be affiliated with ours at Sault Ste Marie. I want in fact, if God in His grace & strength, & do the same work for the Indian children of Canada & the North West that Dr Barnardo has been doing so nobly for the waifs & strays of England's great cities. I propose also & take a few white boys with our Indians back Home, I think it will have a leavening effect upon our Indian pupils induce them to speak more correct in English & perhaps inspire them with a little more ambition to get on in the world. I have taken two boys ahead at my own expense, just for 3 months, — partly as an experiment partly to save them from being placed in a Roman Catholic Institution. Will any one relieve me of this expense and support these White boys? Their mothers supply their clothing, as the cost is only $50 each per annum. We have no orphans Home in Algoma, & there are many poor overworked widow women who will be glad to get their children into our Institution.

My plans for this summer, if God will, are as follows. Next week I start off & visit the Indians at Cape Croker

(4)

Parry Island, Christian Island, Spanish River, Sheshe-
Reim, & while there some Indian Children ran a-
way from our Institution. On or about Feb 24th I shall
a 6 weeks trip, & the North West, the scene of the recent
disturbances, I shall apply for a free pass on the C.P.R.
& take 3 or 4 of my Shingwauk boys with me. We shall
camp, this will cost little. I want to see those Indians,
& confer with the missionaries, & if possible will bring
some boys back with me. Then about the middle
of September I propose start on a two months tour
through Canada, taking a couple of boys with me, on
our Institution & the like, if possible, a party
leave from the North West. By these means I hope
to stir up some fresh interest in our work, & receive
more liberal support than we have had at present.

I have had many difficulties, many discouragements
in the past, but I think God is now calling me to make
a fresh start, & do more for the Indians than any
has been done yet. If God be on my side I fear not,
I want nothing. Abroad I see signs of encouragement.
Two new Church Schools have just undertaken pupils.
I hope to get a letter like this one — "I thank you for
your work, I read it in our School to-day. We had 304
present & all were deeply interested. You may count on
the $75 I promised this year for the support of a boy".
I have 41 boys & 20 girls at present. We may but

E. F. WILSON.

Sault
June 21/85

The Supt Gen Indian Affairs
Sir
I am my answers to take
advantage of the present crisis & extend our work
among the Indians & if I can see my way
to erect buildings here so as to enable
us to receive nearly double the number of boys we
do have at present.

I have been successful in securing the services
of a very efficient man as assistant Superintendent
& his wife to have the Institution & to look after
a part of the farm.

I propose first to visit the Reserves at Cape Croker
Christian Island, Parry Sound, Spanish River &
places where we are already receiving pupils —
after that to extend my travels to the North West Territories
the seat of the recent rebellion.

I am anxious to meet & confer with the missionaries
in those parts — from whom any Institutions already
established will receive such assistance in some way

be affiliated with ours at Sault Ste Marie. I shall try also to bring down a few Indian boys to our institution here, if their parents are willing to part with them.

On this trip to the North West - I propose to take with me 3 or 4 of my Stony young boys - & I am in hope that free passes may be granted me on the C. P. R. - if this were done, the expense would be very little as we should take tents & camp -

I shall be very thankful if the department will facilitate my obtaining a pass for the trip on the C. P. R - or help in any other way that may seem fit - I shall also be much obliged if I could be furnished with particulars as to the existence of any other Protestant Institutions or Industrial schools for Indian children in the North West - The only one I know of at present is that of the Rev. J. Clark at Battleford

We propose to join the C. P. R either at Medicine Hat or Port Arthur - & to start about July 20th.

on my return from the North West I purpose
making a tour through Canada with the purpose of
stirring up fresh interest in Indian work so as
to enable me to carry out my plans.

While in the North West I wish also to gain
all possible information as to the history, tribal
relations, & language of the various Indians located
there, & shall be glad if the Department can put
me in the way of obtaining such information.

I have the honor to be Sir
Your obedient Servant
Edward F. Wilson

have branch institutes in the N. West. I want also to see those Indians, learn somethg of their history, language &c.

I am so very glad to hear that there is prospect of our English friends increasing — it is a good kind of loss to be pained to take so much trouble — This superintendent business will involve an additional £100 per annum, but I think it will be a saving in other ways — as things will be better looked after —

We are looking forward eagerly to the arrival of the big box — all our children are quite well — & we are all in good spirits — The Bishop arrived up last Friday — & the children are delighted to be together again — We felt still more Bishop Sargent's loss — I cannot feel that our present Bishop takes as true an interest in our Indian work as Bishop Sargent did. He never collected a cent for our Homes all the time he was [illegible] for Corn[illegible]

[illegible] was
here!

Dear Lucy —

I am glad to say I am all right again — & look as well & sharp as ever

Most providentially — we have found just the very man wanted as assistant Superintendent — He was sent to our door — He has been with us nearly 2 weeks — & is the greatest help & comfort to me — name Homer D. Mitchell — I think I mentioned this before —

All our children like him so much — He is a thorough gentleman & ready for all kinds of rough work — sticks & stones — He may be coming to tea with us — After meals with Master & schoolmaster — He is a good accountant too & is the best of comfort — Heaven knows

Wm. & Co. sent for to repre-

And now I have just made my plans for the summer &c -

(1) Mon. June 8th - H. myself & Minnie start (D.V.) for Collingwood - H. & Minnie to spend 10 days or so at Meredith - I stop at Gravenhurst where the Bishop's yacht is lying - & make a trip in her to Cape Croker Indians, Manitoulin, Parry Island, & the Lake of the Woods - Then I send the yacht up to the Sault - & visit Christian Island - thence to Collingwood & join H. - Then we start work - at Parish Rivers I leave H. & M. to go on to the Sault & spend a few days visiting R.R. Indians - also Serpent Rivers - then home

(2) We hope all to be at home by the during July - Rent the boys come home.

(3) About July 24 - I start for the North West, the seat of the rebellion, taking 3 or 4 of my Indian boys - I have applied for a free pass on the C.P.R. - want to visit Nipissings, Sioux & Indians - see what is being done - with a view to establishing in connection with ours at the Sault Conference Station if possible - & bring down 2 or 3 of my braves & the two boys - This may occupy about 6 weeks.

(4) About Sept 15 I hope to be starting on a tour - to say Carleton - taking 1 boy from our Institution & 1 young brave (if I can get him) from the North West - to stir up fresh interest - & try & get increased support for our work - My report seems to have taken very well - & all the Church Schools have undertaken to support boys. I want if possible, & take advantage of the present crisis in the N.W. to extend our work - enlarge our buildings & - take more boys - & if possible

Shingwauk Home
Sault Ste Marie
June 6 '05

Mrs L. N. Mead
Dear Madam

I am very welcome letter of the 22nd ult. reached me 3 or 4 days ago — & I have delayed answering hoping to get time & write more fully. I have been so overpressed with work that it has been difficult to get through with my correspondence.

I am very thanks for sending the $50 on 'Bend's feathers' account — I must get him to write you a little story. The clothes usually supplied for the year are 2 coats 1 waistcoat 2 pr. trousers — 1 pr. boots — 1 pr. Overlacks — 3 shirts — 4 pr. socks 2 undervests 2 pr. drawers — 1 muffler — 1 pr. mits — 2 hats & caps. — An overcoat also will be very acceptable. You will see in the Church papers what my plans are for the summer — I am very sincerely

Mrs. A. H. Carr
[illegible]
Shingwauk Home
Sault Ste Marie
June 6/05

Mrs Cadman
Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 3rd — was one of the most welcome that I have received for a long time — It is most [illegible] that the Ch. of Ascension Sunday School will undertake the support of one of our boys. I have taken the liberty of introducing a short extract from your letter in which the Sunday Church papers as to the need of increased help. We have 40 Indian boys now and a little boys — orphans whom I have received at my own expense for 3 months to prevent their being sent to some Catholic institution — Will you please count me subscri

again June 8th. & kindly send them to Post Office order to me direct. each quarter. so that I may have the opportunity of responding & letting you know we receive it.

The lad I propose to adopt as a Christian lad from Manitoulin Island who has just come here & present has been trained for some 6 years. His English name is Frank Maggrah & his Indian name. His age is 9 & he at present knows only. He is a bright active nice looking boy & if he does as well as his elder brother Johny who is with us will be a credit to you. You will see by the Church papers what my plans are for the summer. Yrs faithfully

S. R. Wilson

Rev. H. J. Baldwin
Toronto

Dear Sir

I am glad to have received & I am much thankful to hear that you propose to understand the support of one of our Indian boys. But I must be some mistake about it being contributed "$10 a year for some years". I have looked carefully thro' our books & find a remittance from you of $25 — May 8th 1882. This is all that I can find — and if more has been sent I

like very much to know what
those hairs it was transmitted
to that they may trace it
up - I have reason to believe
that a great deal of money pass
from Home has never reached
us - Farming - money for our
Home used to be sent to me
direct - but under the present
system it seems to pass thro'
so many hands that there is great
danger of its being diverted
from the purpose for which it
was first intended -

I shall be very glad
you find you can undertake

the entire support of a boy
at $75 a annum - the
name of the boy I am will
ask you undertake to support
is William Friedrick - He is
between 8 & 9 years old & we
call him Fred - He has of
late come from his home
on Manitoulin Island - not
heard from since left - came
to speak English - an appeal
has been signed for him to
remain 6 years - I am
reading home this day for a
couple of weeks - but will try
& get a photo taken -

yours sincerely
S. T. Wilson

Shingwauk Home
Sault Ste Marie, Ont.
June 27. /85

V. C. Van Horne Esqr.

Sir -

I beg to enclose you a copy of the last annual Report of our Indian Homes here at Sault Ste Marie, & to inform you that I purpose next week to leave home on a visit to the Reserves as far as Red River & neighbourhood - accompanied by 4 of my Indian pupils. My object being to enquire into the condition of the Indians in those parts with view to extending our work & establishment, if the way should so open, of such Institutions connected with our Homes at Sault Ste Marie, also to bring back a few pupils for our Institution here if the parents should be willing.

I have been much pressed in my own mind among the Indians, & am very anxious to make use of the present crisis for extending our work.

I write to know if you could kindly facilitate my object by granting me a free pass or half fare ticket to Selkirk - Same or greater free ticket to Rat Portage - back - to extend over 2 months from July 24th next.

I leave to know the [illegible] Indian Homes [illegible]

Messrs Rowell & Hutchison

Dear Sirs

Will be obliged if you will print me at once – 400 more copies of our Annual Report in abridged form – will be in two Sabbath School papers 8 pages each – I will send you the two cuts of the Chapel & Wawanosh –

Kindly let me know at once what the cost will be & how soon you can let me have them – you need not send proof –

Yours truly
S. F. Wilson

Sault Ste Marie, Ont
June 27th/85.

Rev. & Dear Brother –

I have just returned from a 17 days trip among the Indians & have seen many occasions to thank you for Children's Bible – Every week I think we shall have 75 pupils which is the largest number we have ever had. The next thing is to support! – And I am very glad that you are still able & willing to help a boy – Many thanks for the $5 enclosed in your letter – towards support of Edward Pinesqua. Also for the name & address of the book seller – which I will write for –

Yours sincerely
S. F. Wilson

Regina

The Ed. of the Dominion Church

Dear Sir

I have just returned from a trip among the Indians, having visited Cape Croker, Christian Island, Parry Island, Sandy Point, & Serpent River. At all these places I found the Indians very willing to send their children to our Homes here at Sault Ste Marie to be educated; — and, as I am just now preparing my Annual Report for the past year, our numbers will within another week be larger than ever they have been before, — viz 49 boys & 24 girls, — Total 73. In addition to these there are some half dozen more applications which I have been obliged to refuse. I do very much hope that many Sunday Schools throughout the various Dioceses will come to our help at this time and undertake the support of these Indian Children; $50 a year pays for board & $25 for Cloth, & in lieu of the latter sum, a box of cloth may be sent to us. My annual Reports of which there were 500 printed are all gone, & there is a considerable demand for more copies (an order for 50 this morning). I shall have 400 more printed in a few days. I shall be very glad if any

mid friends will assist me in my proposed trip
last month to the North West - : - the present crisis
in Indian affairs is I feel an occasion that must
be made use of, & the attention of both Govern &
the people that exists for more active work in
Christianizing & educating the Indian children.

I remain yrs faithfully
Edward F. Wilson

Sault Ste Marie
June 29 /70

Lieut. R. Rowe
Mount Pleasant
June 27 1883

Dear Sir,

I am just returned from a trip to Cape Dyer (Christian Island, Perry Island, Frobisher Bay & Lefroy Bay) & regret to find that the Esquimaux at all these places are very well supplied with whalebone & I have had no application that I can accept. By the end of next week we shall have 4 sails & 49 boys in residence, & if Mr. Adams & Mr. Peddaby return 57 boys. That is the limit to our return, & will be always with [illegible] as applicants I am once made must be kept, & I am insisting on this in every case.

I was very sorry Dear Mr. Lett to hear from Mr. Crampton that 5 of your boys had run away.

As David Rowe is not to remain here for the holidays I have kept instead Abraham Isaac, the only wishes to remain, & as he has been away so long I think he is the one that ought to stay. I think of taking home, by the Neptune, to Canada, in the

if his parents are willing.

I am very sorry that little Mary A. Menard could not have been home before she died. The letter of May 21 contained a request from the victim that he might return home — but I have so often had applications of this kind that have turned out to be false — that I have not felt disposed to accede to his requests. It will be better in future in case of dangerous illness to get a line from the doctor — & I will then send a child home — as I will always wish the children to be home in their parents if any ill or dying. Will you kindly explain this to Menard, & tell him how very sorry I feel that his little girl was not home in time. She shall be sent home along with the first party that goes.

About July 24th I expect to start on a tour to the North West to visit the Indians there. I have appointed Mr. Mitchell now as assistant superintendent, he is a fine — help man — & can attend to the business while I am away.

Yours sincerely

P. H. Wilson

Prince Albert
June 27/73

Dear Mr. Spence.

I have received your letter for Alfy. Meds. I regret that it is just too late for this issue I have been away from home for 3 weeks to Battleford and back — which tells me why I have not received any letter from you. I am now just 24 hours down from a trip of the N. West — accompanied (as I am on all my Medical trips) by Surgeon Kay visiting the Indians — making a visit to Missionaries &c — among them picking up any books can get different dialects — their writing, &c &c — a few pastels from Nature. Can you assist me in all in it. Would like to get from you some recommendation of my work from the authorities of the C. P. R. — & get me either a free pass or a ticket for myself & wife — I have today written to Mr. Van Horne to make application — Also can you tell me as to credit of the Indians — & advise me of my movements during June — Left Battleford after that have no definite plans — Will be out at my tent for camp, & can stay there for 2 weeks — until October Prince Albert

Hope I can get Alfy. I remain as ever Yours Truly
H. Wilson

Have you got Alfy. I return as usual Report.

Wigtown R. House
South St. Annes
June 27th 95

Alex. Mackenzie Esq.
Dear Sir

I have just returned home - & receive both yr letters of June 9th & 15th - I had already ordered forms of agreement to be sent on from & you will see by same received from Chas. Gordon Esq. agreement I have received. You have still to send Thos. Pike's first signed -

I regret that I am unable at present to receive the 2 pupils you mention as per yr. 11 - but shall be obliged if you will send me their full names - & names of parent - as that may place them on my list - & I may possibly enable to take them next year.

I am writing Charles Knapp & can take at once - & I enclose you a ticket for him. If the Lancashire Guardian is able to pay the amount of the ticket £2 2s please collect it for me. as that is our rule.

Thos. Pike will be remaining here for the holidays as his Papa is at present at home - Consequently the money for his passage &c will be refunded on sent here for that purpose.

I enclose you a postage stamp - thanking you for your favor

a children - Wilson a very poor Indian needs
pay me half.
Charlotte Kaye will remain here for the holidays -
also the other children mentioned - viz - Moses White
Joe Lampson, Mckenzie Rankin, Smart Altman, &
Isaac Lampson. - Also Eliza Lacey if the
parents approve.
The Indian woman can mention shall be sent
Language or mine - as the person I have at present
leaves me on the 6th Inst. Will you kindly,
if she needs it, advance money on her wages
for her passage, & I will repay you. I will
give her $6 a month, the same as I have been
paying, also $3 towards her passage up - if she
remains with me one year - to count the $aid
sum at the end of the year.
& on the 24th of next month - Thompson start
a 6 men, with the North West Point & Indians
here - & if possible bring down a few pupils from
Moose. Thomas Johnson expresses a wish to
accompany me - wishes if you have no holidays

I remain yours faithfully

L. L. Wilson

L. L. Wilson

My dear Lord —

Could you kindly let me have the amount due for Algoma Miss. News — We are very short of cash just now — otherwise should not trouble you —

Arrears to Dec. /84	28-75
275 copies to Dec. /85 at reduced rate	41-25
	$70.00

We have 45 boys now in our school & 21 girls & are expecting more.

Yours sincerely
E. F. Wilson

June 30/85

My dear Miss Sadler —

I should have written sooner to acknowledge the receipt of the very welcome box of clothing — but have been away 3 weeks visiting among the Indians & am only just returned. All the articles you have sent are most acceptable & we hope the box may be repeated. [illegible] during my trip — the Indians [illegible] their children here — which is a new thing. We have 45 boys at present & [illegible] girls & more expected. We want all help possible.

Yours faithfully E. F. Wilson

Sault Ste Marie
June 30/85

C. Judge Esq.
Dr Sir

The box of clothing from St Matthew's Mothers' meeting is received & is most acceptable. We have only just opened it or I would have written sooner. We have been very short this last winter — so the present is doubly welcome.

I have been away visiting among the Indians for 3 weeks — & have found an increasing eagerness among them to send their children & we indeed I have more applications than I can meet. We have 45 boys now & 21 girls — & a number more coming. We want all help possible.

Yours very sincerely
E. F. Wilson

Sault Ste Marie
June 30/60.

C. H. Campbell Esqr.
Dear Sir –

I beg to enclose order of the Bishop for £50 due me on "Franklin" acct – also the following –

On "Franklin" acct		50 – 00
(per Express Agt. N. Mus mail)	May –	30 – 00
(" " " "	July –	30 – 00
		£110 – 00

Can. you also kindly inform me Relative the following amounts contributed from Ind. Homes have come into Yr Lands –

St. Pauls Uxbridge – for this year –		£22 – 00
Ch. Ascension, Hamilton "		50 – 00
St. Pauls London, Ont – (sent last November) –		37 – 50
Rev. T. R. Webber, Longueuil –		14 – 91
Ch. Ascension, Laprairie		40 – 00

None of these amts have yet reached me –

Remain dear Sir –
Yours faithfully
Edward F. Wilson

Sault Ste Marie
Jan 8th 1883

Mr W. H. Wolton
Lia

I have received
yr note saying that you are prepared
to clear this morning - & enclose you
my cheque in settlement of yr
account. $143.62.
You will notice I have deducted
$1.25 for cost of crate & 50 cts
for use of truck board. This is
the most that I can afford to do. You
have been here long enough to know
that the charge for hire is 25 cts an
hour - and in regard to the crate,
yr bro's on the spot, you surely had
plenty of opportunity to see that Isaac
was making it as you wanted - you
might also have avoided all difficulty
& made a bargain with Mr Mitchell as
to price before it was begun. Yrs truly
P. L. Wilson

Sault Ste Marie
Jan 8th 1883

The Manager
Bank of Montreal
Sault -

I enclose you
cheque for $143.62 -
which sum please credit
to Wilson Bros acct - &
let me know the amt to
credit -

Yrs truly -
P. L. Wilson

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Sault Ste Marie
July 4/63

Rev. J. Boyd
Dr Sir

Yours [illegible] Colonel
[illegible] Bracebridge was [illegible] that
he would support a part [illegible]
Indian boy [illegible] an Ojibwa
Home [illegible] upon Mr. Elliot's
[illegible]. May I ask you kindly
to [illegible] the matter you have before him
[illegible] what he will do. If he
[illegible] willing to maintain a boy
[illegible] join with [illegible] very [illegible] on
[illegible] Island. I was at P. [illegible] Wednesday
& Mr. Pavilion seemed disposed
[illegible] on work. The cost per
boy is $75 per ann. & of clothing
[illegible] $50. We have 45 boys in
[illegible] & 21 girls and are very much
in need of help.

Yours truly
Edward F. Wilson

Sault Ste Marie
July 4/63

Dear Mr Duncan

Your letter of the 2d
ult. [illegible] received [illegible] away
from home [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] your kindly
offered [illegible] our Indian Homes
this year. Can I not [illegible]
you once more to undertake the
support of an Indian boy. We
have 45 boys [illegible] & 21 girls
& more expected [illegible] at that time
are a large number [illegible]
support [illegible] indeed I will be unwilling
to keep so many unless I can procure
additional [illegible] Schools [illegible]. I
will send [illegible] of it, & all particulars
as soon as I hear from you. Please
[illegible] instructions & possible [illegible]
there is over $150 [illegible] which
[illegible] to.

Yours truly
E. F. Wilson

the matter has [illegible] I came
myself around among the
Indians - when I had or came
in Winter - or [illegible] or
[illegible] I
visit the Reserve every year - say
once in June & once in Sept
or October or November when we
have Fruit sent. I suppose
that Mr Gallagher should visit
you & continue such as
School teachers & also conduct
the services when you are
away - & assist you when
you are at home - Mr Gallagher
is a decent well read man
but has not the abilities for
visiting among the Indians. He
has [illegible] which is very much wanted for him
- but I think if he was the
best of your helpers you could do
very well - as Mrs K. expects
would do the visiting -

Will you thank Mrs all
this - & lay the matter before God
& ask Him for guidance -

Yours very sincerely
J. Hallen

In account of Oshkabawkeh's wife's
death was not entered I
have some money on hand [illegible] a
subscription for Religion but do not
know what to do with it.

Sault Ste Marie
June 3/85

My dear Father

I am to [illegible] drawing on you for £120-14-0 as follows

[illegible]	£105. 0. 0
[illegible]	22. 2. 0
	125. 14. 0
less — Please pay Mr Malabar	5.
	£120 - 14 - 0

The [illegible] have come [illegible] The boys [illegible] are delighted with their dolls — Llewelyn with the beautiful birds from Uncle Arthur. Please thank [illegible] also [illegible]

of Emigr. and again on the same question. I have reason to be most thankful for having found such an excellent helper as Jessy [illegible] still — she is [illegible] [illegible] & does splendidly — We have had her now over a month & all the time I was away she kept everything together capitally. Our Schoolmaster Mr [illegible] has just left us — & in his place I have engaged the Rev. C. S. French, formerly in the C.M.S. — He has a nervous affection which prevents his taking regular duty — but is able to teach school. I have only engaged him for 2 mo. to see how he will do. The Bishop of [illegible] speaks highly of him.

Yr affect. son
E. F. Wilson

ries – present time. Which has found a place on our bookcase table. Since writing last I have been on a missionary expedition among the Indians visiting Cape Croker, Christian Island, Parry Island, Sarnia Reserve, & Sarnia Reserve. The result has been most encouraging at each place I visited I found the Indians quite in favor of our work increasing & anxious to send their children to school. I have more applications at present than I can meet – the

last 45 [illegible] – & 21 girls & several more to me – On the 4th of this month – I left (by) Station on an expedition to the Northwest – take 3 or 4 of my Indian boys – I have applied for a free or half fare pass on the C.P.R. – but have not received answer yet. I am very anxious to pay a visit to the Indians up in those parts if I can manage it – with a view to extend our work if God so will.

From us left I purpose starting on a 2 months tour thro' Canada to [illegible] us such interesting & much good possibly I may come –

Inverell [illegible] Maree
Feby 4th 73

My dear Mr Hal

I have just time now to write you a few lines to tell you that I have received your letter of the 3rd inst. with £22.2.0 for which many thanks for it. I hope you received safely the Copies of the Annual Report which I sent you. My sisters have been sending out a little Special appeal with it - asking for £50 additional subscription to the Hemispeark Home & £50 additional to the Narwonah - Any contributions to the latter will of course pass through my hands - I trust that the way

do. With very many assistant superintendent Mr Mitchell has been with me now over a month & I find him the greatest help. His services means of course increased expenditure - Still I trust that as in the past so in the future the way will be opened for us - & our faith & prayer plain & our Heavenly Father's hand -

Yours very affectionately
S. L. Wilson

Very many thanks for your kind invitation - If I do come to Sydney - I shall certainly avail myself of it.

this some reason to this appeal
that you may be encouraged to
an increase number of subscribers.

You seems thankful many
have not been more successful
in procuring — I have just
returned from a 17 days trip
among the Indians — found a
very great destitution on their
part to place their children with
us to be educated. We have
45 boys now & 21 girls — &
could have more coming indeed
I have had to refuse a good
many applications. In order
to meet all this extra expense

I shall have to visit once more
in a town this Canada &
buy & procure fresh plants — &
it is quite possible that I may
if God will — next spring — pay
another visit to England.

I am contemplating also a
trip to the North West — the scene
of the recent rebellion to visit
the Indians there & see if any
thing can be done to extend our
work in that direction.

It will be impossible for
me to stir away from
home more it not that I am
succeeding in engaging many

July 7th 85

Mr. Walton

Dr. Sir

Will you kindly let me know if ever you hear of the two schools yours Manitou & are still vacant - as I have a teacher who could take one of them - John Spreadman - aged 30 - a former pupil of ours - He has already taught 2 years in Indian Rivers - & could get a permit from the Sch. Inspector. Let me know the name of the place & number of Indians &c. - Yrs faithfully

S. Wilson

Have this rec'd. 15 letter of the 2nd inst.

July 7th 1885

My dear Lord -

I purpose making a tour as far as Qu'Appelle & Regina - accompanied by 3 of my Indian boys - towards the end of this month - my visit being to see some of the Indians of those parts & ascertain what work is in progress among them. I have been 17 years working among the Ojibways, Indians of Ontario & take great interest in them. & I have thought that we might

in Rome may extend our work - & perhaps take a few boys into our Home for it the North West. Mr Clarke of Battleford visited him just before the rebellion began about an Institute he was establishing in that region.

I would like very much to meet any of the missionaries working among the Indians & to make myself acquainted with their work.

I remain my Lord
Yrs faithfully
Edward F. Wilson

I can send you a copy of one of these if you wish.

Jan 7 '85

Revd. J. McKenzie
Dear Sir -

A gentleman who visited the Wawanosh Home while I was away a week or two back seems to have been under the impression that our Church Sunday School was still supporting an Indian girl - & quite discovered only Dec. by asking which girl it was - As far as I am aware Mr Sunday School has not contributed anything to our work for 3 or 4 years past or longer - unless indeed the money has been

paid in strength some the Channel some time in a County some without my knowing it. I have reason to fear we have lost a good many contributors in this way - & shall be glad to hear from you - whether or not Mr Sturdy Sch. has contributed any £ to the Warwick Home during the last few years.

I will also take the opportunity to say, that we are at the present time very greatly in need of increased help. We have

45 boys now & 21 girls - & more still expected - & the funds at our command are altogether insufficient to meet expenses. Will you not recommend Mr. Jones' work of support either a boy or a girl in one of our Institutions. I think I have already sent you an annual Report - if not - kindly let me know - & I will send one.

Yrs sincerely
S. J. Wilson

July 7/85

C. H. Campbell Esq.

Dear Sir -

I beg to acknowledge receipt of Yr cheque for $320.72 & return you the receipts signed - There is still to $50 due Quarters for the Shingwauk Home -

The Rev. E. Baldwin has just sent me the following statement of moneys paid in towards support of boys in our Home -

Easter	1881	$11.67	
"	1882	20.	
"	1883	20	
"	1884	40	
"	1885	40	111-67

The 3 last remittances $10 $40 $40 have not as yet as I am aware reached me -

Yrs faithfully

Edwd F. Wilson

July 7/85

My dear Mr Mulholland

I am glad to report that we all got home safely together with 9 new Indian children from various places. I had a most successful trip altogether - & found the Indians at all the places I visited increasingly anxious & fond their children here. Will St Georges S. School, Owen Sound now come to the point - & undertake definitely to support a little Indian boy, 10 years old - the son of a widow - "Amos Scotchman" - Indian name - Pa-mah-sah-wa (passing thunder) bound here till Sept 1890 - Yrs sincerely

Will send D.V. for the R. West on the 4th

F. Wilson

July 8th/85

My dear friend

I am happy to inform you that the two girls Nancy & Sarah have arrived here safely & seem to be quite happy - Alex Jones & Albert are quite well & happy & Albert desires me to thank you for the $4 ~~you~~ his grandfather sent me for him - I have given him $1 & will keep the rest for the present.

I am sorry to hear that Sarah left her parents without leave - She never told anyone she had done so - I suppose now it will be best for her to remain here till next summer.

Yours truly

D. Wilson

July 8th/85

D. Cheyne -

Dear Sir

I am happy to inform you that the Indian Children from Lake Cowichan all arrived here safely - & all appear to be quite happy & contented - We have 45 boys now & 21 girls - & there are several more yet to come - I am expecting Peter Nazeje's boy & Maria Jackson's girl with presents & tickets for them -

I have been thinking a long time that it would be a good th-

if the Indians would agree & make education compulsory — so that the day schools might be always well filled — I think that all children between 10 & 15 years of age should be compelled (if not sick) to attend school at least 200 days in the year — & if they fail & do that the annuity should not be paid to those children — but that a School Committee be appointed who would use the money derived from fines in supplying what was necessary for the school & giving prizes to the deserving children. I think if a band like yours at Cape Cod were to take the lead in this matter it is likely the Indian Department would approve of it — & I am sure that it would be a good thing.

I wd. also propose that the Institutions like ours and Muncey should take the place of high schools —

I remain yr. sincere friend

S. D. Nelson

(Pulpit Rock)

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McPhee came – he is nearly a
pure Indian & cannot speak a
word of English. He comes
from Cape Croker & is desirous
with us 6 years – age about 9.
His full cost for support is $75
& wanted estimate of $18.75

Yrs as ever
J. F. Wilson

Read T. R. Murray –

Rev. T. R. Murray Aug 9 1878

Dear Sir

The reading of yr letter
& Circ I received yesterday gave
me both pleasure and – annoyance
pleasure, as you may think, at
the intimation that the Lake's
Island School is prepared to undertake
the support of an Indian pupil
& annoyance – Mr Howard's Home –
annoyance – that this is as far as
I can remember – the first blame
and of it – I have no trace
in my books as far as I have

(enclosed) [illegible] one dollar
has been received. If it has
come here at all it must have
been in a trunk sent without
any name being mentioned.

I see in last years report
(a copy of which I sent home
for you) that we received from J.
Herbert Lee last July for the
Harvard $31.22 & $6.31 for
the Haigwauk. Had this any[illegible]
to do with it? It is very
annoying to me that – not only
has [illegible] Lund School – but several
others in various places – been

connected with the Lee Fund) and I
& yet the money has never reached
us. I think the matter ought to be
inquired into – & I shall earnestly
request that for the future all
remittances may be sent to me
direct. I am very careful
& systematic about my own accts
& our Annual Report always shows
clearly all the money we receive
where it comes from – & what we
do with it.

I have much pleasure in
giving you the name of Alice
McGregor as an Indian girl for
you to support. She has a little
red blood & hence has got a

so read, or misunderstand — or might think it was simply my wish. Would you advise my writing in Ch. hopes to some which have failed to reach me or had I better try to trace it out with by correspondence?

Yours faithfully

Edward F. Wilson

Aug 7th 73

A. H. Campbell Esq

Dear Sir

I am this morning in receipt of your favour of the 5th inst. covering drafts for $180 on yr account and $24.80 from Dist. of Fredericton.

I am very sorry to put you to any trouble about the remittance to St. Adrain Homes which have failed to reach me — as I know that you are (like myself) overpressed with work — but from what I can gather there must be a balance of $200 on the money account and I think it is only right that I

Old Boy & finish out brought Mrs Clements it was sent as possible trace it up - Same with last Mail just received a letter from Rev. L. R. Murray, Windsor Rectory, Halifax - saying that his School has been assisted & paid for 3 years - & has the year sent £80 - This is the first I have heard of it - He says the money was sent thro' this Diocesan Secretary -

The post card intimated that an had deposited £44 47 to my credit on the 15th ult must have posted before me - & my bank book has not come into my hand

since that date - so that I was unaware of the deposit - Could you kindly tell me when this amount was derived - also if possible for you to do so - certain sums which you sent me to pay week in May viz

Dom. & For. Miss. Soc. for N.H.	19.50
" " "	16.00
" " " for S.H.	65.50

If not too much trouble - would it not be better for you as our Diocesan Treasurer to put a note in the Church papers requesting that remittances for the Homes be sent direct to me instead of to yourself so as to avoid Complications - I would do it myself - but people are

Fort Wayne
July 9th 1883

Mr. Manager
Bank of Montreal
Sir —
London

Bk of Commerce cheque
No. — for $260, 25/100
Which and please hand
by Adrain Homes acct

Yrs truly
T. L. Wilson

Please to Bank Bk
to come as Cornish as I
am, that has one also if
on Bank B of Atlas, Bk I pay
by Mr. Adrain Homes, one

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The Shingwauk and Wawanosh Homes.

Report of the Indian Department - year ending June 30/85.

To
The Honble the Superintendent
of Indian Affairs -
Sir -

I have pleasure in reporting to record of the past year, as regards our two Indian Homes, the Shingwauk & the Wawanosh, Last, by the blessing of God, have been unusually encouraging. Our children have made good progress, - there has been little sickness, - our numbers have increased, and the Indian parents at the various Reserves, so far from resenting my enforcing our rules for their children remaining the stipulated time, seem increasingly anxious to place their children under our care. At the present time we have 43 Indian boys and 2 White boys, and 21 Indian girls. Several more are still to come, - and I have had to refuse some half dozen applications owing to want of means for support. I have been encouraged also by offers of increased assistance from our friends, especially Sunday School children, who supplement the Departmental grant by supporting some of the

individual children.

Review of the year.

We began the year with 37 boys and 21 girls. One little girl died (almost an infant) with hemorrhage from the lungs, the first week in April; and a little boy who was weakly when he came to us was sent home by the first boat, a victim of consumption, and has since died. The other children have all enjoyed good health.

Since navigation opened, four girls, who had completed their time have been sent to their homes, and five more girls have arrived; two of these latter were old pupils who failed to return to us last summer, and three are new ones. Of the boys, the little sickly boy whom I mentioned is the only one that has left, two old boys have returned, and five new ones have come. Our total number at present is 43 Indian boys and 21 Indian girls.

School rooms have been kept regularly, 9 to 12 every morning, 3 to 5 in the afternoons, and 7.30 to 8.30 in the evenings, Saturdays excepted. We have one boy (David Bodge) learning Algebra; 3 learning Euclid; 10 English grammar, Composition, English history, writing out definitions of English words; 24 doing geography with atlas; 35 doing arithmetic; 19 writing on slates. Of the reading books, 8 boys are in the fourth Reader, 5 in the

third Reader, 11 in the Second Reader, 11 in the second Part I^st^, and 8 in the first Part I^st^ Reader.

Of our Senior pupils, two David M, & John M. look forward to the ministry of the Gospel, and two others, David R. & Jackson R. are studying the trades.

The trades our boys are learning are Carpentering, boot making, & blacksmithing. Senior pupils, Isaac R. & Harvey R. are in charge of the Carpentry & boot making departments & instruct the new boys, & for instruction in blacksmithing the boys go up town. At the present time 4 boys are learning the Carpenter trade, 3 boot making, & 3 blacksmithing. Our tool & door factory is still rented by the week to W. L. Fox, who employs two of our boys when at work.

The girls of the Navajo Home, besides their schooling, are taught laundry work, sewing, knitting, & house work.

We have recently received two orphan White boys into the Home; their ~~parents~~ mothers provide their clothing, & pay $20 per annum towards their partial support, the balance of their cost I meet myself. My object in taking them is to experimented, — the idea being that they may have a leavening effect upon the Indian pupils, induce them to speak more correct English, & perhaps to spur them into more ambition to get on in the world. If

to plan succeeds I hope to receive about 10 or plan white children, provided I can obtain support for them. Our summer vacation begins this year July 24th and ends Sept. 12th.

Our rule now is for applications for admission to be made in May & for new children to enter, & those who have completed their course & leave, the first week in June only. A certain proportion of the pupils of each Home have to remain at the Institution for the Summer holidays; & our work lays so far progressed that we find it now unnecessary to keep them in order when all hands are away. We have had no difficulty in arranging this, many of the pupils being quite willing to remain.

Our staff.

I am this summer succeeded in engaging an assistant, Mr. H. D. Mitchell, who seems in every way well qualified & perform the duties required of him. The work of the Homes had become altogether too great a burden for me to bear alone, having the duties connected with my ministerial work & the Diocese to attend to: — and I felt it absolutely necessary that I should be freed from the constant surveillance of the home-work — so as occasionally to travel around among the Indians & see children we are educating, &

also visit about sometimes in Canada with a view to keeping up interest in the work. Our school master Mr. Rotton left us the 1st of July, and his place will be taken by the Rev. C. E. French, who will assist also in the Chapel services. Our staff now at the Mainpark will consist of Asst. Superintendt, Mr. Mitchell; Schoolmaster, Rev. C. E. French, Matron - Mrs. Neal, & an Indian servant. At the Wawanoosh, Lady Supt - Miss Cunningham; Matron & gardener, Mr. & Mrs. Hardiman & wife.

Visits to the Indians.

Since the appointment of Mr. Mitchell to the position of assist. superintendent, I have been enabled to leave home, & have visited the Indians of the Cape Croker, Christian Island, Parry Island, Spanish River & Serpent River Reserves. At all these places I found the Indians quite in favour of our work and apparently anxious to send their children to us. I think there will be a great many prepared to come to us next year, if I can arrange to pay them another visit, & provided we are able to receive them.

On the 24th of this month (July) I propose starting on a short tour to the North West, the scene of the

(6)

recent disturbances, take with me 3 of our Indian boys, in the uniform of the Institution, a bootmaker, a blacksmith, & a farm boy, —— the object being to visit the Indians in that locality & confer with the Missionaries working among them, with a view to extending our work in that direction, & perhaps bringing back a few new pupils to our Institution.

As I have already intimated to the Department, (June 4th) it is my desire to make use of the present crisis to extend our work among the Indians, enlarge our present buildings, & increase the number of our pupils. A first step towards this is to ascertain whether there is any disposition among the tribes in the North West to avail themselves of our Institution here, or whether we shall have to depend as heretofore on pupils from the Reserves in Western Ontario.

But whether we take children from the North West or not, I think there is little doubt, that if means are forthcoming, we shall be able to keep an average of 50 boys at the Shingwauk Home and 24 girls at the Wawanosh, as there seems to be every disposition on the part of the Indians now to send their children

boys, — and all those we have now are bound to ... us by agreement.

I believe I am justified in asking of the Department a small increase in the grant at present made to our Institution. Indeed, unless some additional help is given, it will be impossible for me to retain the services of Mr. Mitchell as asst. superintendent. as his addition to our staff involves an increase of expenditure of £500 per annum.

The moderate request I have to make is that the Department will pay for 5 more boys at £60 per annum, & 5 more girls at £40 per annum. This will exactly make up the sum required for asst. superintendent; & towards support of additional pupils, I will apply for help elsewhere.

Should the number of our pupils at any time fall below the figure of boys 35 girls 20, I should not of course expect the full grant to be paid.

I have the honor to remain Sir
Your obedient Servant
Edward F. Wilson
Principal.

Asylum for Deaf & Dumb.
Jan 11/72

July 16/83

C. P. S. Hall Esqr.

Dr Sir

Enclosed you Cattle Pascoe's photograph - & a lock of hair of his little sister who died a few weeks ago - The Mother sent them to me to forward.

I regret to say that Mrs Hall has placed the little boy in a Roman Catholic Institution - & I am sorry to say he has had his illegitimate child. I suppose no[t] much can be done - I believe the money you paid towards education of Pascoe by my father was refunded - & just kindly ask for it to be returned to me -

Yours faithfully

S. F. Wilson

Dr Walton

Dr Sir

Immediately on receiving your letter of the 6th inst I wrote to John Sycamore - He will I believe be very glad to take the school - & I think it likely he will marry & settle down which is the best way with Indians - As I am leaving shortly for the North West - & you may want testimonial of character I write now & say - that I believe John Sycamore to be an earnest Christian minded man & believe

him & he anxious to do what he can to benefit his people — He was 5 years with us as pupil, then taught school at Sandon Rein 2 years. — & 2 years ago returned to me & study for the ministry, — this he is still doing, but the Bishop thinks it best for him & he on probation a few years as a teacher before ordaining him. I am very anxious for him & feel sure he will be a credit to our Home —

Yrs faithfully
S. L. Wilson

Leave

from Dr Walton and
& Parry Sound
keeps back the Report
School until a year
as you had better write
as there are several
There are 100 Indians
average school attendance 7.
Good School & County — Salary $250.
Hope you will get it — & as
said Barry "settle down —
prove yourself to be a reliable
worthy man as a school teacher

Lay reader – when I hope in a few years the Bishop may admit you to ordination – Mr. Owen had to wait nearly 10 years before he was ordained & just studied by himself. I shall hope to hear from you –

Yrs sincerely –

Edward F. Wilson

You had better write to Mr McLean as well as to Dr Walton.

July 16/45

Mr John Dyke

Dr Sir

I have received the photograph & little child's hair – & will forward them as directed – I am sorry to hear that little Pascoe has been sent to Wikwemikong – Mr Hill must not expect any further help after behaving in the way he has – The lad applied to be admitted to Holy Communion but refused it.

Yrs truly –

E. F. Wilson

Summer work 1885

Farm — Jacob – 25 ct a week, " $1.50 at end of month, + $2.50 for SB $5.00
" Wesley – 20 ct " " $1.00 " " $2.00 " $4.00
Half holiday, Wednesday + Saturday "

Carpenter — Mackenzie. 15 ct a week, $1.00 at end of month, + $1.40 " $3.00

Blacksmith — forge. 20 ct a week Cash, 30 ct for SB.

Kit-garden — Angus 20 ct a week $1.00 at end of month + $2.00 " $4.00
Sampson 15 ct " $1.00 " $1.40 " $3.00
Half holiday, Wednesday + Saturday "

Johnny to pick out stones, cow, vegetables, pick mint, keep the garden
ground in order, also the Chapel + cemetery, for work $1.50, & ct
½ cent — ½ Half holiday Wednesday + Saturday
25 ct a week, $1.00 at end of month, $2.50 for SB. — total $5

House work &c

Messenger Smart 15 ct a week and 60 ct at end of month.
Kitchen White 15 ct " " 60 ct " "
Water — The 2 gardeners, Angus + Sampson can draw the water
Wood — Angus, Sampson + another boy every Wednesday morning.

Weekly appointments

2 house boys, 1 2d messenger, 1 2d kitchen (if wanted), 1 cleaner per

Dormitories

East — Isaac - Harvey - forge - Angus - Jacob - Wesley - Mackenzie - Sampson
North — White - Isaac - Pete - Albert - Beaver - Wanderer - Alexander
Frank - Fred - Donald - Sweet - Ned
West — closed. Schoolroom — closed except for lessons.

Edward D. Wilson
Principal

11/84

[illegible] of Adrian [illegible] received

Date	Amount	From whom	Sent by	How	Part Sunday	Given to	Year
Spring 1885	$50-00	Ch. of Ascension S.S. Hamilton	Adam Beaton Hamilton	Sent in	Sunday Collection in Schools & Homes	Adam Beaton	1885
[illegible] 1884	$37-50	St. Paul's S. School London	F. H. Jewell London Ont.	Sent to London	London Diocesan Board	F. H. Jewell	1885
Spring 1885	$14 91	St. Paul's S. School Sequoia P.O.	Rev. T. Webber Sequoia P.O.			Rev. T. Webber	85
Easter 1883	10-00	St. Ascension Toronto	Rev. H. Baldwin 336 Spadina Ave Toronto	Sent to	A. H. Campbell	Rev. H. Baldwin A. H. Campbell	4.25 3.00
" 1884	40-00						
" 1885	40-00						
1882	about $80	St. Luke's S. School Halifax	Rev. W. R. Murray Halifax N.S.	Sent this	Diocesan Secretary	Rev. W. R. Murray	85
1883	" $80						
1884	over $80.00						
1884	Sum not mentioned.	St. James's Cathedral S. School Montreal	Rev. Canon Norman Montreal	Sent this	Rev. S. Belcher	Rev. Canon Norman	185
Aug 16 1883	$500	Bequest James R. Spinn payable within 5 years				A. A. Davis Esq.	24.
	$1500	Bequest - C. V. Labatt.				Canon Sanford	4

August 29 / 85

To the Editor of
the Illustrated London News

Sir

I am sending you
by this mail
1 Picture of 3 Indian prisoners
in prison awaiting trial at the
Mounted Police barracks, Regina
viz- "Big Bear", "Yellow Mud Blanket"
& "Pound maker" (all Crees)
"Pound maker" has since been
condemned to 3 years imprisonment
Big Bear's trial is not until Oct 5th
(2) picture of a Cree Indian named
Pe-pe-ka-sis - who did not join
in the rebellion - but is training

& it will not be published in
any Can newspaper -

If you accept these pictures
& the story - both of which I am
sending by book post - kindly remit
Rate, & send to my father -
The Revd Prebendary Wilson
Islington N.
If you accept I shall be much
obliged if you send item to the
same address -

Yours very truly
Rev. Edward F. Wilson

I shall be glad to furnish you photos
of my two institutions for Indian
children if you will want them -

work more wisdom & agricultural pursuits. The Government has placed a farm instructor at the head of these Indian Reserves in the North West with a full supply of ploughs, harrows, rakes &c & lend the Indians. While working the Indians are allowed ½ lb flour & ½ lb bacon each per day. & the crops are sold for their benefit. These Indians at the Pile hills, about 400 in number have put up about 200 tons of hay this summer & have 160 acres under cultivation.

3. An account of Stanley Simpsons imprisonment by "Big bear"

Stanley Simpson's father was here at Sault Ste Marie was formerly M.P. for this district of Algoma, his grand uncle was Sir Geo. Simpson. Stanley Simpson was at about 21 years of age was at the time of his capture in the employ of H. Hudson Bay Co. at Fort Pitt. It is a most exciting story & I took it down word for word from Mr. Stanley Simpson's lips. As he has friends & relatives living in England I feel sure that the publication of his story will create great interest — no one has seen it and few people in this place

August 29/82

J. L. Mason Esq.

Dear Sir

I shall be very much obliged if you can trace for me -

1) $50 paid this Spring & support of Indian boy by Mr Adam Beacon, Ch. Ascens. P. Rd. Hamilton - Mr. A. H. Campbell Jas 2d received it not have I,

2) $14.91 by St Marks C. Sch, Lorneville, P.E. - Rev. K. R. Webber -

3) $40 a year more or less for 3 years by St Luke's S. School, Halifax, N.S. Rev. K. R. Murray, for support of pupil

Yours Sincerely

J. L. Wilson

Any sums for our "Home" please send direct to me, not to Rev. A. H. Campbell as they have ...

August 29/82

A. H. Campbell Esq

Dear Sir -

I regret very much that I was away & did not meet you when you were in the Lord's a short time ago as it would have been satisfactory to have had our Conversation about those sums paid to credit of our Home which we present & cannot secure - It is becoming a serious matter with us as we must more paid & much as we like all the time we are supporting boys & girls dependent on these funds arriving -

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Dwell of London, Ont. has written from Detroit that he misses some $37.50 towards expenses of my last visit last November was put into your hands as agent - & it has certainly never been received, as other separate or in a lump sum - as I have read all the accounts which you have sent me from him & time accounts for unless it is some very small sum - There is due to Mr. $190 from Ch. Ascania Toronto due Mr. Our funds are at present very low last month's balance of $ [illegible]

Deficit of $700 - Shall by [illegible] Mr. Mitchell if they is not you have us loan & [illegible] sum until [illegible] & am very much [illegible] you for early [illegible] it us - Would it be well at once to put the notice [illegible] in Chronicle [illegible]

Yrs Faithfully

[illegible]

Sault Ste Marie
August 29

Wm. William Walker
Dear Sir

I am sorry I arrived
while I was away up in the
North West. I am very
busy but glad to enquire into
discovery my assistant Mr Mitchell
will. I was away — Major Wilson
leaves tomorrow night. I have written
Mr. Cowan and the time I can be here
& I hope we can settle —
You also Mr Brown will visit
Thessalon but did not call
take big boys from Algoma
indeed I am sure it will
I am sure I will
glad to
you
write to

Aug 29 / 83

Rev. J. Bates
Dear Sir

Can you kindly give
for me
1) Rev. K. W. Stubbs, last
Prin. St. Luke's Sch, Lunenburg, N.S.
2) a name not mentioned — Rev. Canon
Roman — suppose Algonquin —
3) about $600 a year more or less for
Rev. K. W. Murray, St. Luke's Sch,
Halifax, N.S. suppose Algonquin
would be at 3 years —

Yours sincerely
T. F. Wilson

they must always obey or
else they will be sent away from
the Institution. I told them
that I should write to you. They
behave very well all the time that
I am at home.

As to the food. I am certain
that if any of the boys say they are
not well fed they say that is not
true. I buy all the provisions
myself & it is all the best that
can be got in the market. & they
have more than they can eat for
I leave a good deal always
on the table after meals. My
orders are that every boy is to have
as much food as he requires.
We shall have 45 boys this winter

P.S. 22 pr. I saw about
four more cases of cattle. Boy
Cook has a sweet tooth
for sour apples.

Yours sincerely
S. G. Howe

Sault Ste Marie
August 29 [illegible]

A. McKelvey Esqr.
Dear Sir -

I have decided in compliance with your request to take Charles the Craggs' little brother & Frances & race Jacobs - & enclose tickets. If your associates parents are able & they please make them pay for the tickets & credit me with the amount. I am send 3 forms of agreements which must be signed for 5 years before the tickets are given.

I have 22 applications for admission & do hope children had better send their chance & come at once - I had a splendid trip up & the North Shore. "Big bear" is going to let me have his son - aged 12 - With many thanks for the interest you take in our work -

Yours sincerely
S. H. Wilson

Sault Ste Marie
August 29 [illegible]

Dear Jacobs

I will take Nancy Rampoe aged 11 in place of Frances Hunter - & the race travel on her ticket. Frances Hunter says I never have come to the Institution as I was all covered with scrofulous sores.

If either Francis or Nancy Pedahtig are to not return you can send Jonah Kakegoosikin in place of one of them, but the parents of these two boys will be fined - I enclose your tickets for Nancy & Jonah - also three send agreements to be signed - the agreements must be signed before the tickets are given for 5 years - I had a splendid time on the North Shore - "Big bear" is going to let me have his son aged 12 - (I have 22 applications) Yours sincerely S. H. Wilson

Kindly send me
list of Indians as I
expect please him to 15th.

Rev. Canon Osmonde. Sept 20th 65

My dear Sir

As St James Sund. School
has for long past been interested
in the work of our Indian Homes
- you will feel sure allow
me to address them on the occasion
of a visit which I purpose to
make to Toronto this week. I
expect to be in Toronto Sunday &
Monday the 24th & 25th & am
writing also to the Bishop about
it & to Rev. H. J. Baldwin of
St. Ascension asking the latter kindly
to secure the Sunday Classes &
to make arrangements
for filling up my time. I shall bring
some young Indians with me (on Monday next)
in their native attire & the Mississauga Indian
Jas Sawyer of Alnwick.

Sept. 1st 65

My dear Lord

I purpose on the 16th inst
to start on a tour through the Huron
& Niagara Districts - my object
being to make the work of my Indian
Homes better known - & I shall
be accompanied by a young Indian
from our Shingwauk Home who will
dress up in the costume worn by
the Wild Indians in the North West
Where I have been visiting the summer
Six places where it is desired
I shall deliver an address on the
Work - Not describing my interviews
with Bears, Poundmaker & Others

with an account of the sufferings endured by young Simpson (Rob's boy here) during the 2 months that he was prisoner at Pekin; the lecture illustrated by some large pictures & curiosities from the North West. For the lecture tickets will be a charge for admittance. — But when the lecture is over I desire I will myself address a meeting & ask for a Collection. This has been for many years past my practice & I never do any house to house begging. All I ask for is the privilege of addressing the people in Ryder Street St. James's & I trust to make known my work. My work I feel & know is in God's hand. He has blessed it in the past & will bless it in the future & this seems to me as the best plea for asking it.

May I ask your kind answer to this as speedily as possible as I am arranging to leave me on the 16th inst.

I remain my dear Lord
(pro tem)
Edward H. Wilson

The Lord Bishop of Huron.

Sept 18th

Revd H. J. Baldwin

Dear Sir

I am purposing to start on the 16th inst on a tour through Niagara & Huron Dioceses, taking Toronto on my way. My object being to make the work of the Indian Homes better known - could you kindly make arrangements with some of the Toronto Clergy to fill up my time in Toronto Sunday the 20th & Monday the 21st. I have written to the Bishop & also to Canon Dixon - but am trusting to you (& I hope you will not mind it) kindly to make arrangements for me - I may

- a letter for myself - my Indian pupil as to save expense - as people are sometimes afraid of the Indians you - I may mention that the boy I bring will be a "guaranteed article" & can occupy a bedroom with me - I trust you will not mind the trouble I am putting you to -

Yours very sincerely

H. B. Wilson

St. Peters, Lindsay, St. Stephens, All Saints & Ascension Schools closed, helping on work & might visit me & address them - but probably it will be better to stay & work some new ground - I will leave it with you.

about that I ask no collection & do so lower & lower begging - all I ask for is the privilege of addressing the people & making known my work.

I shall be accompanied by a young Indian from our Home who will dress up in the costume worn by the wild Indians in the N.W. Since I have been visiting the Eastern

If thought desirable - I shall be prepared to deliver a lecture on Indian wars in the North West describing my interviews with Big Bear, Poundmaker & Stus - with an account of the sufferings endured by Mrs Simpson (of this place) during the 2 months that he was prisoner to Big Bear - the lecture illustrated by some large pictures & curiosities from the N.W. For the lecture there should be a charge made for admittance, but if the lecture is not desired I will only address a meeting & ask no collection

My work is in God's hands - as he has blessed it in the past so I doubt not will he do in the future & will provide means as he sees fit for carrying it on.

Kindly answer this as speedily as you can as I leave on the 16th -

I shall be much obliged if you can

Sept 1st 85

Dear Dr McMurray -

I am clerking on the 16th on a Post Grad Ward Throat Nose & Larynx Diseases & by rotation upon little first incident in our work - Could you kindly arrange for me to address a meeting in St Mark's on Thursday Evening Sept 24th? I could have a Zenia public with me who will dress up in the costume worn by the wild prairie Indians whom I have been visiting this summer. Kindly answer me speedily as possible as I start Sept 16. The boy can sing one beautiful song.

Yours sincerely
T. H. Miles

Sept 1st 85

Dear Dr Parker

May I take the liberty of kindly asking the rendezvous of #12 from St Mark's to School Carlton - I am just writing letters to Toronto friends of mine who are on behalf of my Homes Sunday & Monday the 20th & 21st - & think I can arrange for a Kiddy afternoon Sept 19 to Carlton & Kiddy evening & Parade if your Church & meeting could be held at Knox Hall - I am not yet returned home a little

Sept 1st 18

Dear Mr Rowe

I am most thankful for your kind offer of your Indian Child — & you do not say if it is to be a boy or a girl. I think I had better wait in St. Lo for all & see you before visiting Toronto to act & vote on behalf of my home. If Mr Hayes will kindly make arrangements for it — I will address a note to you in Parkdale on Friday

Regina & the north west being dear & new countries & Settlers which I do not exhibit — & I shall have one of my Sioux Indian Chiefs with me & he will dress up in his costume & carry the Wild Prairie Indians

I will you kindly see that I can be home & let me know as speedily as possible as I leave here on the 16th —

Yours sincerely

L. Wilson

Sept 1st 1885

My dear Lord

I am making arrangements to be in Toronto Sunday & Monday the 20th & 21st of the month - to try & stir up a little increased interest in the work of our Homes. I am writing Rev. Canon Dumoulin & Rev. H. P. Baldwin asking them kindly to make arrangements to fill up my time - On Monday evening I wish if possible to give a lecture recommending

every Sept 18th. I have written Mr Foster - proposing an Athenaeum meeting at Carlton & would come on from there - I shall have one of our dear Indian girls with me who will dress up in the costume of the wild prairie Indians & I have been visiting Dr Norman - If the arrangement can be made for a meeting Mr Hughes will I hope kindly arrange for myself & Indian girl, to stay over in Ottawa that night - We can occupy one room - Please kindly reply as soon as possible as I leave here the 16th. Yours faithfully

to events of my recent trip
to the North West — my interviews
with Big Bear, Poundmaker &
Riel — & an account of his
sufferings endured from Gov. Simpson
(of this place) during 2 months
he was Prisoner in Big Bear —
His actions during the
Carp victories & surrender from
the N. West — For the Lectures
here will be a charge for admittance
— but if this is a desire — I
will cheerfully pass an ordering
this matter address & I add
the necessary steps in about

or at meeting — My work I feel
& know is in Almighty Gods hands
He has blessed it in the past &
will bless it in the future & suffer
Means as far as He sees fit
for carrying it on —
May I ask you kindly to
answer this as speedily as
possible as I am anxious
to leave here on the 26th inst — for
West — I am sure as will
the Chair if not otherwise engaged
to act as one of our Committee
with me & we will attend
meeting in the Town Hall
with Indians on the platform
Yrs very sincerely
Toronto

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Huron & Niagara
Clergy

Edward A. Wilson

[illegible] is the privilege of addressing [illegible] & making known my work & I shall be accompanied by a young Indian Lou. ouse Boy who will keep up in the costume worn by the old Indians in the North West where I have been paid this summer.

In places where it is desired I will deliver an address on the North West describing my encounters with Big bear, Poundmaker & Stars - with an account of the 2 years endured by young Mrs Jefferys (Mrs Delaney here) during the 2 months that he was prisoner of Big bear - the lecture illustrated by some [illegible] views & curios from the North West. For the lecture here I'd be a charge made for admittance; - but where the lecture is not desired I will only address a meeting & ask for collection.

My work I feel & know is under Almighty God's hand; He has blessed it in the past & will bless it in the future & supply means so far as He sees fit for carrying it on.

Kindly answer this as speedily as possible as I leave on the 16th & on my return I will send you a list of my engagements so that you may [illegible] my plans and

Indian Homes
Sault Ste Marie
Sept 1st/85

Henry Beaty Esq.
Dear Sir

Have returned from my trip to the North West - I am about to make a 7 or 8 weeks tour in the Western part of Ontario in Company with a party Indians dressed in Costume worn by the Prairie Indians - My object is to lecture & raise funds for support of my Indian Homes -

Could you kindly oblige me with a return tickets from Sault Ste Marie & Toronto & back for myself & Indian boy, at special rates - Hold good for 2 months & allow of my tying over at any place between here & Toronto - Kindly reply as speedily as possible as I leave here on the 16 & have arrangements to make

Yrs faithfully
Rev. Edward

Indian Homes
Sault Ste Marie
Ont
Sept 12 / 03

Joseph Hickson Esq
Gen. Manager G. Trunk Railway
Sir

I have just returned from a tour in the North West I purpose making a tour through the Western part of Ontario to give lectures & endeavour to raise funds on behalf of my Indian Homes here at Sault Ste Marie. I shall be accompanied by a young Indian who will dress in the costumes worn by the wild prairie Indians — & I shall be very much obliged if you will allow me & Indian over your line at a reduced rate — the Indian is about 17 years old — & we start Sept 16th & be away 7 or 8 weeks.

A speedy reply will greatly oblige —

Yours faithfully
Rev. Edward F. Wilson

Please order me
60 lbs flour,
Sugar, Tea, Coffee,
Cheese, Butter, some Plums
& Cheese.

Sept 5th/85

Dear W. J. Mitchell

We returned from our
3 days camp last night & I
find a letter & 3 p. cards
from you, also a letter from
Mr Sister & Mrs Brethers. As
we are both so busy & he's leaving
I hope Miss M. will excuse if
I answer both letters from you.

I really must beat no change
may now be made in regard to
the coat. Coming & taking the cottage
as arranged - it will be very
upsetting if anything is disarranged

(4) as we are - too late for the
Pacific Think it is too late
& send me a uniform coat - but
I will give description - & perhaps
Living Stone can improve on it -
Write Keely saying his price -
the parts darkened are
dark blue bound with
red - & small brass
buttons to each shoulder
Sleeve - & 5 large buttons
in front - Buttons are
made in England - & I will
order them sent to a English address
if you give me name. Take with
you 13 for a sample - length
Coat at back, from top of Collar 25½ in. length of sleeve
at back
from seam & end of cuff 21 in, Collar 15 in.
round top of waistcoat 30 in. Grey trousers (grey) are
Cheaper than we can get them at
Plummers you had better order some -
Yrs sincerely J. H. Wilson

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again - & cancel part of Wk
I left. Do is I think quite depend
on the Cottage - In regard to yr
leaving at 2 months notice - I regret
it bec. I have not understood as
a whole (= case incase of
) paid it impossible to retain
yr services - I think you know
my will that it is my wish to do so.
indeed I do not see how can carry
on the work of the Homes without an
assistant. - My visit to the N. W.
this summer & my proposed tour
of Canada this Fall are all with
the view of building up and extending
our work - & I trust that with God's
blessing results may be successful -
You may depend in it that I will
do all I can to make the assistant
appointment a permanent thing - &
I trust yr remaining with us through
the winter is about as certain as
anything in this life -

Now in regard to the matters -

(1) Hymnbooks - I think I shall try &
get our things done here instead again
I enclose you a leaf - with additional
hymns - say 120 pages same size -
see what you can get 1000 done for
how much for each additional 500 - In
the meantime please get 5 doz of the
sample sent with music.

(2) Re pond - prices unsatisfactory -

(3) As we are about out of envelopes
- you had better order the Latest in
use if not too excessive -

Rig work Home
Sept 5th/85

Messrs W. H. Pearce –

Dear Sirs

In reply to yours of the 3rd inst – I will order 3 stores for Waitara from you this season – at the exception of flour which I can get from below – I depend on you to allow lowest market prices – seeing storage is limited will get a load at a time as required –

Yours truly
J. H. Wilson

Sept 7th/85

Messrs Petty & Petty

Dear Sirs

Enclosed you
will find settlement of your acct

	£	s	d
Cheque on Bk Nsw No 283	13	–	06
" Build & L. Assn Co	17	–	37
Stamps			8
	£30	–	51

Yours truly
J. H. Wilson

Sept 7th/65

Revd L. J. Beckwith

Dear Sir

I enclose you

bad cheques -

1 for £12 = 58-28

1 " 50-57

£108-85

the amt of school charges for the current term -

Yrs faithfully

S. L. Wilson

The boys will be a little later coming as I accompany me to Toronto -

Sept 7 /65

C. McKelvey Esqr

Dear Sir

Isaac Cattmur

Esq has been down to the Island for a holiday - while here met Elizabeth Greenbird, a widow, with a little girl aged 8, is willing to come as cook - We are ready 2 cooks, 1 for my own house & 1 for the Institution - so if Mrs Greenbird is respectable & capable will you please send her up as well as the one you were going to send - I enclose tickets for the widow & daughter - We cannot take any more children at present - Yrs very truly S. L. Wilson

Sept 7 '83

[illegible]

The 21st inst. is just received
to meet us with
[illegible]
rangeville - every Thursday Sept 17.
Carleton - 1st. Friday " 18
Parkdale every " " "

To-morrow (Saturday morning)
Orangeville is already settled -
Parkdale not yet heard from - I
think the best thing I can say is - Will
you kindly arrange with Mr Ingles
in any way that will suit both Mr
Hacker - If too late Hell [illegible] Sun
could write & also Rev. A. Henderson
Orangeville - what station become of time -
Yours sincerely J. H. Wilson

The Indian Homes

To the Editor of the Canadian Churchman

Dear Sir

Will you kindly
make it known through your Columns
that I propose starting on the 16th of this
month for a short tour through the
Western part of Ontario - my
object being to try & obtain a little
fresh interest in our work among
the Indian Children. I have
this summer been spending a month
on the prairies in the North West
with 3 of my Indian boys - & I shall
bring a boy with me. He will dress
up in the costume worn by the wild

prairie Indians. In places where it is desired - I will give a lecture on the North West with an account of the sufferings endured by Stanley & Simpson (of this place) who was 2 months prisoner of Big Bear & in that case there would be a small charge made for admission. When the lecture is not desired I will simply tell about my work & there need be no collection. I desire only to make our work here better known & I leave it with God to supply the means for carrying it on as He sees fit. Following is a list of the principal places which I propose visiting; - If all whom I have written accept my proposals there will be no vacant days, - but as it is quite possible that some of the places may fail me - I would ask any of the clergy in those parts to whom I have not yet written and who desire to have a meeting - kindly to communicate with me either to Lon. P.O. Toronto Septr 20th & 21st, or P.O. Brantford Septr 26th & 27th.

September - Orangeville, Toronto, Hamilton, St Catharines, Niagara, Brantford, Paris, Woodstock. & the intermediate places.

October - Ingersol, Chatham, London, St Thomas, Stratford, Guelph, Galt, Goderich, Wingham, Kincardine, Walkerton, Mount Forest, Owen Sound &c Sault Ste Marie & 17th

Mr Faithfull

Edward F. Wilson

Rev'd. W. W. Stoddard. Sept 7th 85

Dear Sir

I think it well to let you know that Angus Elliott a boy from Cape Croker has been discharged from this Institution for disobedience & setting bad example to the younger boys.

I shall be glad if you will kindly drop me a line anytime that you send a boy away from the Institution so that I may be on my guard against receiving him. Yours faithfully

E. F. Wilson

Sept 7th 85

W. C. Elliott Esq

Sir

I am sending you home Angus home by train to night as I think it is best for the Institution that he should not remain here. He has several times been disobedient, & in doing so, sets a bad example to the other boys. I would have been glad to keep him if he would behave well - but I cannot keep a boy who is disobedient.

George Walkey is doing very well at the blacksmith & I am

Mr Hawkey will begin teaching tomorrow. I am satisfied that it does not do for big boys to be idling about & for that reason I have induced Jacob to begin to-day with us. After school begins he & George will be at school alternate weeks. Please tell this to Mr Hawkey.

Yrs truly
S. L. Wilson

Unsatisfactory financial arrangements

The Editor of the Dominion Churchman

Sir

I believe I am not alone in regarding the present system whereby funds donated for a specific object are wafted from one diocese to another & from one treasurer to another before reaching their destination as unsatisfactory. Our Indian Homes have suffered and are suffering very much by this arrangement - be cause mouths & feed and bodies to clothe & it is important that the money for the support of our Indian children should come to us in as direct a manner as possible. This

work last year we had a balance in hand of $540; — today with an increased number of pupils and additional expenses our books show a deficit of $555. We have no reserve fund to fall back upon; either the Contributions to our work must be increased or we must send some of the children back to their homes. It would be a great pity to do this as the Indians just seem to be awaking to an appreciation of our work & we have numbers of applications for admission. It is unsatisfactory just at this crisis to know that several considerable amounts which were donated for the benefit of our Homes have never reached us. For the last 3 months I have been engaged trying to trace up these missing sums of money, & to get them sent on to us. I have got glimpses of them as they have travelled about east & West but they have not yet found their way into Heinbrank Home. The amounts missing are as follows: — Ch. of Ascension Sund. School, Hamilton, sent this Spring for support of child $50; St. Paul's S. Sch. London, sent last November 2 years support of boy $37.50; St. Mark's S. School, Longueuil, P.Q. sent last Spring $14.91; Ch. Ascension, Toronto, sent during the last three years $90; St. Lukes S. Sch, Halifax, N.S. $30 sent this year & other similar sums for

two years previous) towards support of a girl; By Rev. Canon Norman, Wrotham last year $12.

Our Institution has been established since 1873; it is a little older than the Diocese of Algoma, & every year our Annual Report has been published regularly, showing every donation we have received on the one hand & every item of expenditure on the other. It has only been within the last few years that there has been trouble about getting our funds in, & it is very annoying to me to have complaints made that such & such an amount contributed does not appear in our report. It is impossible to keep accounts correctly under the present system, & so far as I am concerned, I think the sooner we return to the old lines the better.

Yours faithfully
Edward F. Wilson

Sept 21/80.

The Manager
Bank of Commerce
Collingwood

Please endorse your cheque
for exchange for £100 which we
please credit my current account
— also send me a bank note
showing amount to my credit —
believe I have a book — but have
not seen it for several months

Yours truly
E. F. Wilson

Leeds 12/85

Rev. Canon Norman

Dear Sir

Mr French has
handed me your letter
ordered me to send you
understand to be in support of a boy
at the Sunday School - now for one
year - He left from Leeds Mr.
as my person is with Leeds fast
I have pleasure in giving you
very little lad, boy about 12
years old - His name is Sylvester
Keeping - & he comes from Lapal
Cradley. I have not yet got to
Hand 20 - pound last year. Please
remit (in advance) to me
Yours truly C. L. Wilson

Oct. 2 1885

Dear Mr Norman

Yours

I have got a
one. - I am thankful I got a
day I saw the 3 boys who were
drowned - Jackson Edging
a miss - Joe Simpson & Richards
Rundle (& Wadlow) went to sea -
Now I must.

Yes - 3 boys went off this
a Canadian boat & were drowned
a Breeze & mist - not rough -
Jo - his 3 were friends - went
up round dys - but not returned
to 24 - Very a boy - by name

my boat rowed - carry down the
plank on which the sad lock was fixed -
State my cause (values) & - decamping - &c
also a quantity of potatoes &c &c
with him - am satisfied from
enquiries that the boys have been
well treated while I have been
away & had no reason to want
to run away - I think Jackson
compelled the Slaves to go with him -
As we have had 2 or 3 cases of
steal[illegible] ately I think it would be
just as well to make an example
of these boys - at any rate I
shall be obliged if you will keep
them into returning home & treat

of wrong - I remain
dear Sir Yours very truly
Sylvia - as you have always
been very kind, trust you
may work - I shall not have
the matter in the Courts - but to
you understand that if any of the
3 return at once they will be quietly
dealt with - but either of them that
first returns will be prosecuted &
perhaps sent to the Reformatory -
- expect they got away on an
American boat to Portsmouth

I am my dear
Edward Wilson

Nov. 3 '84

W. T. Lees

Li

I am sending you back the pattern which Rev. Prof. Breidenbaugh of Lincoln College ordered from your Boonville agent. It is too large & does not match our cup. Our cup is 3½ in high with bowl 3½ in wide & 2¾ in deep. The pattern round foot is 4½ in. — & it is [illegible] silver. Could you supply us a smaller pattern about 6 in. diam. in centre of plate with rim & foot — & silver — for about the same price. If so send at once before Nov. closes. If much diff. in price let us hear before send. — address Rev. E. F. Wilson Sault Ste Marie, Mich.

? Sault Ste Marie Mich.
Nov 4 '84

Rev. Ed. Chas. L. Cardwell
Dear Sir

I am publishing a circ. entitled "Facts & Statistics" subject — "extension of our work among the Indians."

May I ask if you enclose it with your papers one issue — If so — What number of the I send you & what will be your charge —

Yours truly
E. F. Wilson

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Rov. 748

Alex. Mackenzie Esqr
Fraser Ri

I have received two letters from you dated Oct. 30th. enclosing #2 for A. Lahgutch - the Apples for L. Nandee have not yet arrived, the boy & all Iroquois Men & Corn - He & all the Men keep in the Island and appear quite well -

I have not yet heard from you in reference to my letter & letter about 3 boys having run away - Hope you will succeed in getting them sent back - I also wrote to you Oct 21st about a Scheme for a Branch Institution & hope soon receive yr reply - I am faithfully

Edward F. Wilson

Rov. 749

Jno Beatt Esqr
Ri -

I have received yr letter of the 3d inst. per Canoe & Passage tickets for amounts due to you -

I have instructed Messrs Plumer & Co. to pay all tickets issued by me when presented to them - Mr. Plumer will pay you £5. 7. 6 the Sterling on my acct -

I am faithfully
Yr. E. F. Wilson

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Nov 7th

Rev. T. Campbell D.D.

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge
receipt of your Cheque for $40
in part of a/c and herewith
enclose same by acct. to date Receipt
for $40.20 still due.
You recently also sent us the following
Orders

Rev. Mr. for Bibles & Pr. Testm. 1-50
Rev. D.R.R. 1 doz. 1 C. vol. 90 2-30
Rev. Mr. Pentateuchs 15-00
$19.40

I never rec'd word from him - as I do not
expect him until I hear from you - &
receive the same - Yrs faithfully
Edward B. Wilson

Nov 8th

Dear Lord -

Just sent off a few lines to Mr Sullivan &
can still write that I have received
for 4th Jan - I have been
very busy ever since getting home
& have a pile of correspondence
to get answered - I have
just returned from London Ont.
A fair congregation there this morning
- Mr Sullivan started as usual - on
Jan 1st his School is then closed for
the winter - How nice the church
looks - Those Indian texts in

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round the walls improve it very much. I am sure you
afford that kind you will be sorry to hear - since you left home
a bad spirit of stealing prevail
among the boys - & I fear much fear
Isaac is at the bottom of it - if
that proves to be the case I must
part with him - & worse than
this today I returned from Lawrence to
the Indian woman Elizabeth who
was servant in the Institute last
winter has twins - & acknowledges one
of your elder boys - All this is
very tragic - but I must not despair -

A weight for ever being removed
of evil - a little stirring up of the
nest is no doubt all for our
good - still it is very discouraging
if we find we cannot keep our
elder boys or depend on them to
set a good example to the younger
ones - May God give us more
grace to do the work which He
has appointed us to do. We
have had one girl very sick almost
dying at the Wawanosh - but in
answer to prayer I am thankful to
say she is better a change for the
better - This Pilot I must tell you
a letter is invaluable. I am

London Oct

Dear Jacobs –

Your letter has filled me with sorrow – It is indeed very sad that such as these should be going on – Whereas Christ's work is being done – there the devil will work too – I have been very much tried since reading home on account of great dishonesty going on among some of the boys & have had to find out who the culprits are – You will also probably have heard that Jackson has gone & two others

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Look forward as far I know to an extension of our work – I think God is calling us to it – If so he will bless – At present there is no money – & our means of present support very low – but He holds certain are God's – & He can put it into the hearts of his people to help us in His own good time – All I feel that we want is to get low enough & to let God work – & give Him all the glory – Our children are all very sad at parting with Jesus – wished we could all have a part in my work – I want to be very small –

Yr affectionate

S. H. Wilson

boys have run away - the
[illegible] Walpole boy
[illegible] left as well as the
neighborhood & was expected to return
home - but Jackson has [illegible]
post-down to Jamaica - I shall
be obliged if you can induce his
friends to send him back & more
so otherwise I shall be compelled
to have him arrested as he has
stolen a canoe & come down this -

I need not note to Harvey
Rahway magistrate - & he does [illegible]
read any of this but to women
I have never found him out him
at all & have no reason to suspect

him - he has always run in my
good character during the 5 or 6 years
he has been with me - If it was
a girl from the Wesleyan that had
gone astray I should feel myself
very much to blame - indeed I feel
most thankful to God that none of
our girls ever have got into such
a condition - but in the case of
a married woman - like Elizabeth
I do not feel either any responsibility
or much pity - as I think a
woman of that age ought to know
how to behave herself - Still it
is certainly a very sad affair - & I
my mind wish that the woman had
never come here - Yrs sincerely
T. H. Nelson

Nov 9 85

W. Augustus Beasan -

Dr friend -

I enclose you a cheque for $5 which I shall be obliged by your giving to Mrs Neill - & I will try & send her a similar amt about Xmas time - I have not yet had time to write & tell them in England that Pascoe has come back to us I think they will be very glad - Yr 4 children are all quite well - Kindly excuse me as I am very busy - Yrs truly

T. H. Wilson

Nov 9 85

Dear Sir

May I take the liberty of your kind letter - & offer to you S. School & support an Indian child either wholly or in part -

Full cost of one child — 75-00

Board — " 50-00

(in which case some clothes should be sent)

½ cost of a child $37 50 or $25 -

in which case another S. School should be found & join with you -

Please say which you will prefer a boy or a girl & about what age - & I will send name & other particulars

Kindly excuse this short note as I am much pressed with work -

Yrs sincerely

T. H. Wilson

W. H. Draper Esq

the 3 boys you sent are all quite well.

Nov 9 / 85

Rev. S. Murray
Dear Sir

Very many thanks for your kind letter enclosing $68.75 on account support of Alice for the past year & for promise to continue her support - I think she is a particularly nice bright little girl - but I will ask Miss Cunningham to write & tell you all about her - also her Indian name - as I am just now overpressed with Correspondence & other work. Yours very sincerely
S. H. Wilson

Nov 11 / 85

My dear Mr. Hale -
Many thanks for your letter - I entirely agree with you as to the inexpediency of having two orthographies in use for the various Indian languages & not very much advocate the system adopted by the Smithsonian Institute but personally adopted - Would it not be well to send a letter to the 'Mail' on the subject - There is a good deal in the correspondence Colonist just now

on matters relating to Indians -
Irish can work it.

I have been unsuccessful in obtaining a Sioux gram. or dict. from Mr Powell - He says they are getting out of print & that the new edition will not be read for some time to come. Would it be asking too much of you to lend me yr Sioux grammar for the winter - I will take the utmost care of it - I expect to have some little leisure during the winter

to do my own translating - & will be as much time as possible to studying the Sioux & Cheyenne dialects & comparing them with the Algonkin - If I had yr gram. for a few months - I would get out a good deal of it -

In regard to the Banaches language - I have been too busy since last June to question the Ind - but will do so as soon as possible. After leaving Denver I saw a map in your book shewing position of various Indian tribes 100 years ago or so

the west of Montreal was the name 'Cabanaki' — Surely this must be the same. I am hardly good enough at sound to give you accurate information as to the interchange of j & th & e & i — I do not think the Indians themselves are generally very accurate about pronunciation some seem to give the sharper sound & some soft — Even s & sh seem almost interchangeable or are pronounced so that you can hardly tell which sound is intended

With kindest regards to Mrs Hall

Yrs very sincerely

T. E. Wilson

Nov 11/84

Rev. Mr Jenkins

Dear Sir

Three boys viz Jack Kahgang (Sarnia) & a boy Wolfe Island — broke into my boat house a fortnight ago & stole a canoe & then left & ran away from our Institute — If Jackson Kahgang has reached Sarnia I shall be obliged if you send him back at once if still there — or if not have him sent back to me under arrest. We have had several cases of stealing lately among the boys & for the good of the Institution I feel it must be put a stop to. Mr McKelvey will have the three boys sent back to me direct by train

Yrs faithfully

T. E. Wilson

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Sault Ste Marie
Nov. 11/85

Dear Postmaster

I have received Your letter requesting me to Miss Christian — I will take Your offer making for 1 year & the Warrant for $50 — If you like to send her — $12.50 must be paid when she arrives & $12.50 each quarter in advance —

I am too busy to write more at present — as I have been away nearly all summer — & have only lately got home — Riley from over Bay is dead — Yr Letter from Mr Harvey's Inlet reaching —

Yrs Sincerely
C. H. Wilson

Sault Ste Marie
Nov. 11/85

Dear Mr Kirkby —

Many thanks for yrs of the 14th ult which I have not found time to answer before — It will be very cheering news if some I. Dept can assume either the whole or even partial support of an Indian child — Better girl or boy —

I have not had as yet much encouragement in regard to extending our work to the North West — Still I trust under God's good Providence the way will all in time be made clear — Our exchequer is very low — $750 deficit — so we shall be glad of some help from our convert —

Yrs
C. H. Wilson

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To the Editor of the Mail

Sir -

Allusion to the subject of Indian languages in your issue of 10th inst. I notice that our credit Bishop Baraga and Father Lacombe with having compiled the only grammars or dictionaries of the Indian languages; I have both of these works in my possession & esteem them highly. Still I think it ought to be known that there are in existence many copies of the Scriptures, prayer books and hymn books translated by missionaries of the Church of England as well as Romish into the Mohawk, Ojebway, Cree, & Sioux languages. I have also seen a very elaborate & complete dictionary & grammar of the Sioux language by the Rev. S. R. Riggs; besides which there is my own little hand-book of the Ojebway language, published 11 years ago, a copy of which I now send you. The great difficulty connected with publishing a grammar or dictionary of any of these Indian languages is the want of a proper orthography, and it has several times occurred to me that a move might be made towards the adoption (advantageously) of one suitable orthography by all those who are engaged or expect to be engaged in translating any of into any of the Indian dialects. The principal orthographies at present in use in writing the Ojebway language are

1. The French - e.g. nibwaka-wininiwag = wise men
2. The Church of England - nebwahkah- wenenewag = "
3. The Methodist — nibwaka-wininiwg = "

The disadvantage of the French method is that it is not

correctly phonetic, e.g. Sagaigan means a small lake or a nail, according as the first syllable is pronounced sah or suh; and ijaian means as I go or as you go according as the last syllable is pronounced aun or un. By our method we spell the first word given Sahguhegun, lake; Suhguhegun, nail; and the second word ezhahgaun, ezhahgun, as you go. This is phonetic, but too many letters are employed. ~~The best system that~~ My objection to the Methodist spelling is that the words do not look like what they are meant for, I see no use in putting u for w or uwg for wug. The best system that ever was is that prepared with great care and on scientific principles by the Smithsonian Institute at Washington, & I should be very glad if that system could be generally adopted & the Indians themselves taught to spell their words on that system instead of writ their own language in the haphazard way they do at present.

I am in your faithfully

Edward R. Wilson

Chippewa Home
Sault Ste Marie
Nov. 11 '85.

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Dear Mr McMillan

I am afraid you will be tried with the instability of the Indian character - Edwd Pennefeather has not returned since the holidays but Pte Norman says Johnny Pedaltip is with us again - so I have placed him once more against your name for support - The parents are very careless about sending their children back after vaccination - even tho' they have signed agreements to do so.

I am for back St Johns P.E.I. Toronto to undertake the other half of Pedaltip's - (After Pedaltip).

Yrs sincerely
J.H. Wilson

Nov 13 78

Dear Mackay Esqr -

Dear Sir -

I have received your letter asking about the boys - We heard last Saturday that Jackson had shipped on board a boat for Sarnia - & that the other 2 were peggin about around the American Canal - On enquiry we found they had stolen a fourteen row boat & gone towards St Joseph's Island - We followed them about 30 miles - & then lost track - It is extraordinary that they should have run away - as they were well treated & made no complaint to any one about anything - It seems just to have been a wild freak - I hope you will be able to send them back before navigation closes -

Yrs faithfully
J.H. Wilson

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[illegible] Nov 13 [illegible]

Rev. [illegible] Ball D.D.
Dear Sir
Had occasion
to visit the Mohawk Valley while
Niagara I left your city
[illegible] St. John Seminary — The Bishop
has thought it best not to encourage
him with the idea of Ordination
but to keep him on probation as
a school teacher & lay reader for
a time — I feel concern
in this — The more I see of
the Indians the more I fear it
is the case that their ideas
of principle & morality are like

his own living [illegible] by
Lady — I will take pleasure
[illegible] will like to [illegible] $75 appropriated
Might it not be put to the "Missionary
extension" fund — or to some purpose
by which it would [illegible] Bishop
Seymour's benefit?
Have my sorry to tell you that
poor Mary Williams died this
Fall at her own home — I must
write & tell Miss Beaven — & I
hope she will be willing to take another
girl in her place.

Yours very sincerely
Edwd L. Wilson

the negroes below and above—
it seems unwise to advance
the Ministry any but those
whom after long trial we have
the fullest confidence in.

Indeed is John Jaquemain
also a true Christian — living
& trying to follow the Saviour —
at the same time he is an
Indian & has the Indian
character rather strongly — I
do not mean that he is either
dishonest or immoral himself.
but I cannot but feel sometimes
that he is lacking in stability
of purpose even by the Indian standard.
When you sent me the last
$10 there was only $12.20 ¢
for his board & tuition at the
Shingwauk — consequently I
have still $75 in hand
present unappropriated —
have kept it in the expectation
that he would either come back &
use it to complete his theological
course — or go to some theological
college. Neither of these things
having been done — & he seems

Nov 16/55

C. P. J. Hall Esqr

Dear Sir

I am glad to inform you that the little Boy Pascoe Hill was brought back to the Institution by his mother about a month ago & I think we shall not now have any more trouble about him. You will I presume renew your engagement & provide for his maintenance at £15 per annum - which please pay to me direct by Cheque or P. O. order - also any thing that you may see fit to give the widow. Her letter is in very destitute circumstances -

Yrs faithfully

S. E. Wilson

Nov 16/55

Messrs Thomas Bros -

Dear Sirs

I enclose you my Cheque (1013) for £29.55 to cover portion of your account charged to my private account to bal. due you by the Institution will be sent to you Shortly

Yrs truly

S. E. Wilson

Saul's Narrows
Nov 18th/75

Messrs S. Hadden & Co
Dear Sirs
Enclose you my
cheque for $16.65 in com
ment of yr acct -
kindly acknowledge & oblige
Yrs truly
T. Wilson

Nov 18th/75

Revd R. Lindsay
Dear Sir -
In reply to yrs of 15th inst - the only Indian language spoken in Algoma is the Ojebway
The pentateuch has been printed but no copies procurable only very few copies exp.
The New Testament - a new edition published by S.P.C.K. 2 or 3 years ago - a portion of the issue in my hands for disposal -
The Ch. of S. prayerbook - a new edition published 3 years ago - in my hands -
The printing press in this Diocese was I think be a boon - we used & have one here but found it too expensive to keep up - I don't think a Catechism would be of much use among Indians as so few can read in their own language: the R. Catholics have a totally different catechism.
Yours faithfully
T. Wilson

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Nov 17 1785

The Rt Rev. the Lord Bishop of Meath

My dear Lord.

I have not heard from you since I sent you proposals of the proposed retreat from Work - but I am a round for a Branch home by a visit with the Confirmis of your Diocese. I have already heard from both Bishop Anson & the Bp of Raphoe and warmly approve the scheme - & now wait to hear from yourself & the Bp of Tuam - Of course if you & the scheme is little beyond an 'idea' - but if God wills it & God prospers it I don't see why it can all be done.

yr sincere friend C. H. Wilson

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Dear Mrs Houston -

I am very glad you have not forgotten me - following is a list -

Girls - dark navy serge dresses bound with scarlet braid - all sizes
" underwear & stockings "

Boys - dark navy serge jackets - with scarlet braid on Collar - shoulders - Cuffs - & waist band - the waist band fits tight round the waist but the rest of the jacket is loose so as to fall a little over the waist band - we should be glad of 40 or 50 of these !!! The knitted caps are ordinary 'tuques'

yr sincere friend C. H. Wilson

Sault Ste Marie
Nov. 17/85

My dear Mrs Cosford

Many thanks for Mrs Reid's note - with $5 enclosed collected by Mrs Cosford -

We have just found a baby Indian girl only 4½ years old & to Wawanosh named Lizzie Jacobs - She is very round & fat & has black hair & eyes - perhaps Mrs Reid at Class will contribute a few dollars towards her clothes. She is big for her age -

Yours sincerely
C. H. Wilson

To the Editor of the Evangelical Churchman

Dear Sir

Will you kindly allow me space to acknowledge receipt of Contributions during the last 6 weeks from Northern Ontario last September's Letter.

Cash .25; St James' Sun. sch. meet. $29.07; Christ Ch. Hamilton, meet. $7.19; St Catharines $8; Niagara $10.88; Mrs M. Ball $5; Niagara Falls $6; Brantford $14.66; Mrs Albert Watts $25; Paris $3; Chief Justice Wilson $4; Mrs C. Northcote $1; Small sums, Toronto, 33 cts; Rev. J. Hill $1; H. S. Ford 5.00; Memorial Ch. London, meeting, $28.33; Berlin $10; Ethel and Hugh Miller $1.10; Revd Dr Beaumont & family $3; J. S. Wright $1; Donation, at Galt $10; Mitchell $16.35; Clinton $12.80; Wingham $4.17; Kincardine Sperton $11.25; S. School do $7.25; Harriston $2.75; Walkerton $10.30; Paisley $5.35; Shelburne $2.78; Total

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contributed $246.71. The Whole of
this sum together with $100 which I add
myself, is to form the nucleus of "THE
SHINGWAUK EXTENSION FUND". — We want
$7000 for enlarging and refitting the Shingwauk
Home, & $5000 each for the establishment
of Branch Homes, one in Assiniboia,
one in Manitoba, & two in Ontario.
The expenses of myself & Indian boy
Wilde on our recent trip were $73. I
desire to cover this by sale of my sketches
taken in the North West if any one will
buy them. A gentleman has just
sent me $10 for one of the best. I value
the others at from $1 to $10 each. My
expenses during my trip to the North west
I am thankful to say are already paid;
W. H. Plummer, Sault Ste Marie, gave me
$20. — an English lady $100, the rest I earned.
I may add that about 15 new Sunday Schools
have undertaken the support of Indian children
either Wholly or in part as the result of my tour
in Canada.

Yrs faithfully
E. F. WILSON.

Shingwauk Home
Sault Ste Marie. Nov 17.

Transcribed Letter
on the Road.

Asst manager & 2 boys and 2 ornithorhynchus
up later than 7.30 — see that all the boys
in their own beds — & all tidy. Then
see for wash & the morning. Pair
mice & sick boxes — have the potatoes
& the apples safe &c.
If monitor awake — ask if any noise
since came up.
Look to the fires.

Coal shed — to have a good look on each
door — keys kept by Asst manager.
Any boy neglect work during the day
to be punished by cutting 4 or more arrow
sticks 4 times through — split & pile
to use back saw & axe — & not to come
out till the job is completed.
the punishment to take place immediately
after dinner each day — House Manager
& Captain assist the boy & carry in the
wood from the pile.
Not more than 2 boys to be locked up at one
time.
Housemanager or Captain to be at hand at
last time out & see finished.

I am sending you 100 copies of the circular for distribution. As the Rev. Mr. Wilson will see from his letter to me.

Rev. D. Snowden
Brantford
Ont.

Nov 25/75

Dear Sir -

You will I daresay remember that 13 years ago when in Toronto you evinced some interest in our work among the Indians. I venture now to enclose you one of my circulars - stating the proposed extension of our work - you did us a good deed & gave us a start & support a child for a year - would it be convenient to help us now. Also will it be any use to attempt a visit to the States this fall on behalf of my Indian boys.

Yours faithfully
Edward R. Wilson

Nov 25/75

Rev. & Dr. Sloman -

Dear Madam -

I am doubtless a stranger from an entire stranger - so I feel that my intrusion on you will not demand apology. I have recently seen an account of 'our work' & am much pleased with it - & as I notice it is the desire of the Editor to include other good works going on in different parts of the world besides the 'home work' I am in hopes that some day soon you may be found to advocate my work among the Indian Children of Canada - Do. the Lord direct & content yourself

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Dear Sir

I am sending you by this mail
30 of my little papers for distribution in
Canada or Sunday School. I doubt not
you have many claims - but send before
the winter is quite over some among Yr
congregation may be found will do a
little "God" work in Canada. E. H. for Webb -
This is all I ask - Yr faithfully dear Sir
E. H. Wilson

Lanark
Nov 26/87

with reading you a
just printed - which will give
you an idea of what 'our work'
is & what we are trying & God's
help to do - I also send you
to look post a copy of our
last annual Report.

If there is any friend in
England who will send me a
copy of 'our work' regularly I will
be very thankful to receive it.

Yrs faithfully
Edward H. Wilson

Now that yours
is not a wealthy parish - &
doubtless you have many
claims - still every little
helps - & if you can induce
Yr people to take even a little
interest in our Indians it
will be encouraging to me - The
Indians I regard as God's poor
in Canada - may the Holy Spirit
influence the hearts of those who
read my little circulars - & induce
them to give however small a
gift from the best motive -

Yrs sincerely
E. H. Wilson

Send me your own paper
when ready - ten 30 for distribution.

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Nov 20/85

The Rt Rev the
Lord Bishop of Nassapolis
Dear Lord -

I am herewith sending
you with packet of circulars
entitled 'Red Lists &c' - I have
had 10.000 printed & am circulating
them throughout Canada - & a few
in the United States - I hope soon
to hear from you in reply to mine
of Oct 28th - I have already heard
from the Bp of Rupertsland - & he is
very much in favor of a Branch Home
in his Diocese if funds can be got.
I would say - if you think well - send
the packet of circulars which I have forwarded
to you - to some of yr friends in England
with a note from yourself - so as to test the
idea in England - Yrs very faithfully
Edward F. Wilson

Nov 20/85

My dear Mrs Rand -

I am sending to you
a packet of 300 circulars - on
the subject of extending our work
among the Indians - I am also
sending a similar packet to the
Rev. S. Murray, Halifax - Would
it be asking too much of you if you
would make them up into packets of
20 & 30 - & distribute them to the
Clergy & Sunday School Superintendents
in the South Western half of Nova
Scotia - as I have no list of the
Clergy, this is my only way of doing it -
& as you have always shown much
kind interest in our work - I hope
you will not mind undertaking it - Of
course a few circulars as well to those whom
you are acquainted with would be most advisable
if you could find time for it - Yrs very sincerely
Howard F. Wilson

Mr. Roswell Hutchinson
Canada

Enclose you
herewith Express Money Order for $109.98 with
which amount please to
credit my account —

Yours truly
J. F. Wilson

Nov 20/85

Messrs. Jas. Davis & Co.
Montreal

Dear Sirs

Please to mail
what is left of the Waterman
Ideal received this morning
to late for same mail. Will
you kindly inform me what
is the charge & forward bill
immediately so that I may
remit at once as I am about
to effect insurance to-day.

Yours truly
J. F. Wilson

Montreal Nov 20th 85

Messrs Jas. Davis & Co
City

Dear Sirs

Please send me by express
to Hillsboro one Waterman
Ideal No 2 Gold Pen
fitted in Rubber Holder
and one Gold Pencil
to match. Please
charge to my account
and oblige

Yours truly
J. F. Wilson

Messrs Jas. Davis & Co
Montreal

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Yours truly
J. F. Wilson

Nov. 21/35

Revd J. R. Stanger

Dear Sir

I am taking the liberty of sending you a few circulars about my work among the Indian Children - thinking that possibly among yr Congregation there might be some good ladies who would take the matter up & do a little for us this winter. Of course we have no further claim on you than as a "foreign missionary work". Would you kindly let me have a brief line to say whether or not a personal visit accompanied by one of my Indian boys will be acceptable & I shall then arrange accordingly or not - I think rather of making a short trip through the States next Spring if the way be so open

I remain dear Sir Yrs faithfully

Edward R. Wilson

Nov. 23/35

My dear Mr Hale

I am not much time to write now - I think the Abenaki girl is a little inclined to confound her language with the Ojebway - among whom she has been living for some years. The following words are after the orthography in my dictionary -

Black - Kah-sah-wee-suk
White - Woon-bee-sik
Red - Mah-Kwee-guk
Blue - Bloo-wee-e-gun
Yellow - Wee-so-wee-e-gun -

1 pah-sosk 2 nees

Lambeth Grand
Nov 22 85

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge the sum of $62 just received - viz $50 to pay bal cost of the little girls for 1 year & $12 as a Christmas present for them - I shall see them today & will tell Bella & write to Jan - I am glad to hear just well & happy - We have 21 girls at the Orphanage Home at present -

Yrs faithfully
T. L. Wilson

If we could get a short article founded on enclosed circular in the "Mail" it would greatly help our work - I don't know whether you can do anything in the matter.

I hope that these few words will enable you to determine whether the language alleged to appear to have the l & r sound

With kind regards to Mrs Hale

Yrs very sincerely -
T. L. Wilson

I have a Delaware cook here now - Do you know any of that language - & what number of them people are left - ?

Sault Ste Marie
Nov 21. '85

Mrs. J. Rutherford

Dear Sis

The Circulars arrived a few days since. The print is very good & the circ. neat, & well up. With thanks for your contribution of $2. I enclose you cheque for $25.

Yrs kind
W. H. Wilson

Sault Ste Marie
Nov 24 '85

My Dear Miss Ro.

Many thanks for yr letter & enclosure of $25 re Nancy Hemsi's acct. Had already written & told you how ill she had been, but I am thankful to say she is now almost quite well again & back at school. It will amuse you to hear that we have received as a pupil the wife of one of your former boys (Jos. Jeffreman) with two baby children & she came from Alexfjord & she wants to learn to sew. The box arrived all safely & was unpacked & acknowledged by Miss Cunningham. I think there was a little delay on account of Miss C. not understanding Mrs. Scott's direction. With very many thanks

Yrs sincerely W. H. Wilson

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Lambeth Palace
Nov 22 15

Dear Miss Beaumont

You will have heard first my letter telegramd from Mary Williams death - sad; if you work read and take a little pill Louisa in her place - We are so sorry at poor Mary - they one like to poor pill & I told Louisa to be glad to have [illegible] in the system. Shall I send the 5 to Rev. J. Jacks. Have applied towards cost of a tombstone and you wish me to keep it for Warwick? Yrs sincerely

E. Wilson

Dear Miss Beaumont

Many thanks for your letter - which you say Bell has followed by another with further replies to my queries - In the meantime I write back if you will please be sure and select a name for the proposed Branch Home - & also keep your a good site (near rail & water - convenient to some growing village - town & away from any Indian reserve - & if possible a pretty spot) - Bishop Anson has written suggesting 'Katapwa Home' on Long Lake for his Branch Institute - I want to get something definite about it as a first step - people are as much alike take interest - I will be glad also of statistics as to number of Indians in the Diocese - missionaries - stations &c -

Yours faithfully Edward G. Wilson

Nov 24 '78

My dear Mr Gillaly –

Before answering your kind letter – I have been waiting & waiting for the box – but as we read by the last boat to Nov & no box arrived – It is exceedingly disappointing but I fear there is no hope for it & we shall have to wait till Spring –

I mean there is an immense quantity of freight upon the Yukon below which the steamers were unable to reach. You will be amused to hear that we have received as pupil & the W H the wife of one of our former boys (Jos. Ragan) with 2 baby children – She comes from Nanaimo – she was to have been educated

Yr sincere S. H. Wilson

Nov 29 '78

My dear Mr Ballard –

It is indeed my pleasure to write to you & the Band School has determined undertaken the support of Thomas Johnson – He is a nice intelligent well behaved boy – & is learning the trade of a boot & shoemaker – At present he is busily engaged making Shoe-packs for the Institute which are at present in great demand – His measurements is as follows – Coat neck 15 in. arm 21½ Chest 33 Length of back 26. Pants – length outside 42, inside 31, waist 32. Head 22 in. Boot No 6.

Clothes required – 2 coats – 1 waistcoat – 2 pr. pants, 2 pr. boots, 1 pr. shoepacks, 3 shirts, 4 pr. socks, 1 pr. mits, 1 muffler, 1 winter cap, 1 felt or straw hat, 4 pocket handkerchiefs, 1 great coat –, 2 pr. drawers, 2 undervests.

Yr sincere S. H. Wilson

Shingwauk Home
Sault Ste Marie
Nov 25/80

Adam Dre Kelvey Esq
Dear Sir -

The last boat has gone down
the bay & absconded with Arrears - I have written
the Indian Department giving full particulars of
Loss; & sent them back to the Secretary of that Dept -
I have also made Claim on Black Bird's father
for cost of clothes the boy had on & any cash then - amounting
to $4.00 for Black & $2.00 for Edward Bird.
I regret to tell you that I am had to dispense with the
services of Isaac Aitman, who was acting as Carpenter -
receiving $18 per mo & board. The cause being dishonesty
& a suspicion that he has been stealing from boys & the
Girls Locker. It is very unfortunate that boys we have
had so long & trusted one so badly - but it is very difficult
to do with Indians as I daresay you have found out -
Large part of pretence & deception. The girl Nancy
Hen., whom you allowed to visit her Aunt has been very sick
but is now recovered & she asked after you. Hoping
that the friends & Miss Nelson are all well & with
Remain Dear Sir
Yours Truly
E. F. Wilson

Adam a circular sent
to Mr Hodgins

I am [illegible] the Department

(1) That the Agent or ... each Reserve shd be furnished with a list of pupils, who go home for vacation & collect & send them back on the proper day (This I am do already, but the [illegible] is not)

(2) That Indians sending their children in our Institution shd deposit $10 with the Agent - to be forfeited if the child leaves or is taken away without consent

(3) That School Inspectors when visiting Ind. day Schools should select the most promising pupils - & their names to the Agent - he will keep a list from which to fill up vacancies either in our Institution or city of the Sioux - with consent of parents -

We have 40 boys now at the Shingwauk & 21 girls at Wawanosh - there are 17 absentees - This sort of thing ought to be remedied.

Adam Kingdom came to visit me a week ago. I go to England in April & think of taking him with me. Will you kindly let me know from you about his character as to honesty & sobriety &c.

Yours

No 7893

Shingwauk Home
Sault Ste Marie
Nov. 25th 1885

The Hon'ble
the Lieut. Governor Superintendent General of Indian Affairs
Ottawa

Sir -

I desire to inform you that I am taking steps to extend our educational work among the Indians.

It may be some time before any of it can actually be effected, but every work must have its beginning and if funds are forthcoming, & the way opens for me, I hope with God's blessing eventually to carry out my scheme.

My plan is to enlarge our present Shingwauk Home & make it a large Central Institution to accommodate 100 boys & to attach to it facilities for the preparation of school teachers both Indian & White. This will cost about $7,000.

I propose also to erect four Branch Institutions at or about the following points -

1. On Lake Manitoba (N. of Regina) to be called the "Kaiapowe Home".
1. In the neighborhood of Portage la Prairie.
1. On the St. Clair River, Ont. - between Sombra and

Rooktown. She called the 'Kiyoshk Home'
In the neighborhood of Lake Simcoe at the S.E. extremity
of Georgian Bay to be called the "Puggukahbun Home".
Each of these Branch Homes is to cost about $5000
& to accommodate for about 40 pupils, Boys
& girls.
I have been corresponding on the subject with the
Bishops in those Dioceses, their Branch Homes
will be situated & they promise me their hearty aid
& co operation.
I am satisfied that it is mainly through the influence
& training of such Institutions as ours & those Nuns abroad
in the Province that any permanent benefit can be done
the Indians. I believe also that if properly managed
& the regular attendance of pupils enforced they
will act as a stimulus to the attendance at the day
schools. & so do good in more ways than one.
I abstain from going more fully into the subject at
present as there is much to be done before the scheme
can assume a practical shape. I would however

venture to lay the subject before the Department for their consideration. I would request to hear from you

(1) Whether the Department is inclined on the whole to approve the plan, provided it can be carried out.

(2) Whether the Department would enter into any agreement, either now or after the scheme is more matured, to make such and such a grant towards the enlargement of the Shipwreck Home & the establishment of each Branch Home - provided such & such an amount is first raised from other sources. A guarantee of this kind would doubtless stimulate those who are interested in the work & give towards it.

I have the honor to be
Your obedt. Servant
Edward A. Wilson

No 7894

Shingwauk Home
Sault Ste Marie
Nov. 25th 1885.

The Hon'ble
The Superintendent General of Indian Affairs -

Sir -

I have delayed till close of navigation writing to the Department concerning certain of our pupils who have failed to return to us since vacation - Others who have absconded in the hope that they might arrive by one of the last boats - Boat having now passed down & the absent pupils not having arrived - think it is well they the matter before the attention of the Department -

I see by the Report of the Minister of Education, a copy of which I have been sent by me, that our School Inspector, Rev. P. McLean, is urging upon the Department, the necessity of some radical change in the management of Indian Schools so as to secure more regular attendance of pupils, a better class of teachers, & better results in the way of education & the acquirement of the English language.

It seems to me that under the present system our

work is almost a hopeless one — that money and time are both being thrown away. It is 11 years since I have had the Shingwauk & Wawanosh Homes, & yet there appears to be scarcely any practical result, the reason simply being that we have no control over the Indian parents, — the children can come or go as they please, agreements signed by the parents & witnessed by the Indian Agent are so much waste paper, the Indians will not be bound by them, & we have no way of compelling them to do so. I have already in former letters laid the whole matter before the Department shown that the average length of stay at our Institutions of pupils has been scarcely 2 years, most of them are quite untaught or only just know the alphabet when they come to us. I have ascertained also that the same trouble exists at the McDougall Institute at Brantford & the Mount Elgin Institute at Muncey Town.

The Committee on inspection of Indian Schools of Ontario's Educational Department do I believe mean a wise & most advantageous step — but at present it is only a step, & has done nothing more than bring to the very unsatisfactory state in which education among

of Indians at present is that many very radical changes are needed. The Inspectors are evidently disheartened at the very unsatisfactory state in which they find things - teachers unfitted for their work & school houses ill kept & more than half empty. I strongly endorse Mr McLean's suggestion, indeed it was my own suggestion to the Department some time back, that the annuity of children of a schoolable age should be withheld unless they attend school a certain number of days in the year. I would however add (I think I have said it before) that the money accumulated through non-payment should be employed in providing proper school furniture & in giving prizes & medals to those children who do attend. I would repeat also what I have already proposed - that these Institutions, such as ours & Mr Elgin & the Mohawk would retain the position of High Schools & that Scholars should be required to pass a matriculation examination before entering them. None of these things however can be done unless the attendance of pupils whether at the day schools or our Institution is in some way secured, & the Indians must be taught to respect an agreement when once it is signed.

I will now send a list of pupils whose parents desire

present for term remain with us a term of years
— have not returned since vacation.

St. Walton's Superintendency, Parry Sound.

						£	cy
Joseph Chibenaa	Parry Island	age 17	Value of cl Bf			7	- 00
James Smith	"	" 14	"	—		6	- 00
Chief Walker	"	" 12	"	—		5	- 00
— — ast — arrest above last — Mar 14 X b)							
Mary A. Mark	Christian Island	age 9	"	—		4	- 90
Samuel Jessice	" (last year)	" 11	"	—		5	- 00

Mr Inglis's Superintendency Sarnia.

Sam Rogers jr	Sarnia	age 13	—	"	—	6	- 80
David Todd	—	" 13	—	"	—	5	- 00
Susanna White	—	" 14	—	"	—	4	- 10
Mary A. Menaus	—	" 10		"	—	2	- 30
Julia Sabayah	—	" 11	—	"	—	3	- 30
Mary Rogers jr	—	" 16	—	"	—	1	- 90
Jackson Calvay	—	" 15	—	"	—	2	- 60
Francis Adams (last year)	—	" 14	—	"	—	6	- 00

Mr McKelvey's Superintd Walpole Island

Alick Penasseen	—	age 15	—	"	—	4	- 80
Edward Penasseen	—	" 11	—	"	—	4	- 50
Joseph Sampson	—	" 14	—	"	—	5	- 50
Mckenzie Saudee	—	" 14	—	"	—	3	- 50

I have also to report that three boys, viz. Jackson Calvay from Sarnia, & Joseph Sampson & Mckenzie Saudee from Walpole Island, all of whose names appear above, absconded

the Shipyard House on Saturday morning Oct 24th (during my absence) — having first broken into my boat house which was secured by a padlock & stolen a canoe worth $5, a sail from my large boat worth $5 & a new pair of trowsers worth $2.75, — these in addition to the cloth which they took away as I urged above. The two last mentioned boys also stole a row-boat from parties on the American side worth $30. I wrote to Mr English & have Jackson arrested & sent back but my letter was not attended to. I also wrote to Mr McKelvey about the two Walpole Island boys, & he replied that he was on the look out for them & would arrest them and send them as directly they arrived, but they did not appear on the Island until the last boat had left Sarnia, Nov. 12th. All I can do now about this affair is to leave the matter in the Department Lands. I am satisfied from enquiries I have made that the boys had no cause of complaint & induced them to run away, that it was a mere freak on their part, & as they were none of them bad boys it could not have been from evil design or ill will. These escapade being accompanied with dishonesty — I think some steps ought to be taken, at any rate to have the value of the articles they have stolen refunded.

I would now venture to put the following suggestion in

addition to those which have from time to time

(1) That when our pupils go home for summer vacation I should send a list of their names to the Indian Agent together with the date they are to return, & that it shall be the duty of the Indian Agent to collect the children & send them up to us on the proper day, & should any of them be sick & unable to return at the time to notify me, & also that they are sent up as soon as they have recovered.

(2) That an Indian wishing to place his child in our Institution shall be required to deposit $10 with the Indian Agent when he signs the agreement. Which $10 he is to forfeit if the child leaves for any other than reasonable cause before the proper time. & also will have to pay value of all articles taken away from the Institution.

(3) That the Inspector when visiting the Day Schools should select such children as he thinks fitted for a higher education & procure their names of the Indian Agent who shall ascertain whether said children are healthy, & their relations with the parents & send them home

[illegible] of the Institution, the application for admission [illegible] the Agent & the parents as hereto[illegible] the case of healthy intelligent children [illegible] and the Ind. Agent on each reservation should have a list ready to fill up all vacancies as they occur.

[illegible] to depart with [illegible] subject then named Consult [illegible] Have the Lord [illegible] Heroes

We have no boys 20 pic at present.

Shingwauk Home
Sault Ste Marie
Nov. 25 '95

P. McLean Esq.
School Inspector Dist. of Algoma
Dear Sir

I regret that I was away from home on the occasion of your visit to our school this summer - as I wished to confer with you relative to changes which it might be desirable to make in our system of teaching. I have procured the Acts, Copy of Statutes &c from the Educational Depart & am taking steps to place our school as far as possible on the Government System.

Since your visit I have changed our school master having taken on former master Wm H. Wotton back into the place of the Rev. C. A. French. The latter did not seem to me to have sufficient control over the boys.

I am desirous to make our two schools at the Sault as useful & distinctive of the kind as can be & shall look forward to receiving all the advice that

You can kindly give me on the subject - I have
already attended our classes & subjects do not conform
with the present system. I can find no list
of the text books that ought to be used & shall be glad
if you can furnish me with a list. Also what
subjects ought an Indian boy to prepare in order to
take a 3rd class Certificate next July?
I see that you suggest in the 24 Report making such
substitution as may accommodate the position of Rich. School
& furnish training & teachers. This I am much
anxious we should do. You will see by accompanying
circular that I am taking steps to greatly extend our work.
I am also making the following disposition of pupils
which I know if you concur in it -
"That the Inspector when visiting Indian day schools -
select such children as he thinks fitted for a higher education
& give their names to the Indian Agent who shall ascertain
if the said children are healthy & then use his influence with
the parents & send them to one or more of the Institutions
for admission to be made by the Agent & only the selected
children from us. We should thus ensure only healthy intelligent
children of a suitable age. I also think
We should keep back annuity of children of a school that
has poor attendance - & We suggest that the money so accumulated
be used for school furniture & prizes - I remain dear Sir Yours faithfully
Edward [illegible]

Red Hot Shot.

We have received a copy of the above — a neat pamphlet printed in red and black — which Mr Wilson, the principal of the Shingwauk and Wawanosh is industriously circulating throughout the Dominion. In it he proposes to enlarge the present Shingwauk Home so as to accommodate 100 boys, & also to afford facilities for training teachers & missionaries to Indians within its walls; — this he says will cost $7000. He has a scheme also for establishing four Branch Homes —, one in Assiniboia, one in Manitoba, & two within the Province of Ontario, has written to the Bishop of each Diocese where these Homes will be sited, his sanction and approval. Bishop Anson of the Qu'Appelle Diocese (Assiniboia) writes as follows: — "The Revd E. F. Wilson, Head of the Shingwauk Church of England Homes for Indian Children at Sault Ste Marie in Algoma has asked my sanction for the establishment of a Branch Institution of a similar character in this Diocese. I wish to say that it would give me the greatest pleasure to see such an Institution established in this Diocese if, by the blessing of God, he is enabled to carry out his intention. We have 5000 Indians amongst us, and at present I regret to say our Church is doing scarcely anything for their Spiritual welfare. The C. M. S., to whom I have applied, is unable to help us further than with the one Mission that is established at Touchwood Hills. I am convinced also that the only hope of doing permanent good to the native race is by the instruction of the children away from the influences of their homes. I very earnestly trust Mr Wilson may be able to commence work in the midst before [illegible]

Adelbert, Bishop of Qu'Appelle

It is regretted that Mr Wilson proposes in his Circular to raise the whole amount required, namely $7000 for enlarging the Metropolitan Home & $5000 for each Branch Home, mainly in Canada; - he does not resort to bazaars, tableaux &c., but boldly offers the opportunity that the Indians are GOD'S POOR IN CANADA, & appeals to the Conscience of Church people throughout the length & breadth of the Dominion, telling them that it is their duty to 'remember the poor'. We heartily trust that Mr Wilson may succeed in his Scheme.

Red Not Dead.

A Copy of a Circular bearing the above rather startling title has just reached us, & we find it to contain a proposal on the part of Mr Wilson, the principal of the Mercy Work & Orphanages Homes to extend his work among the Indians by the establishment of Branch Homes at certain distant points. We are struck dead by the fact that Mr Wilson proposes to raise all the money required to carry out his extensive scheme not by forcing money out of people's pockets by the usual resort to bazaars, Socials &c. but by a bold appeal to the Conscience of God's people throughout the Dominion, reminding them that the Indians whose Reserve grounds they are occupying are GOD'S POOR IN CANADA that it is their bounden duty to 'remember the poor'. If more were needed to stir up the hearts of people in this good cause & to draw upon their liberality we think it is supplied in the following impressive letter from the pen of Bishop Clark in whose diocese (La Crosse) Mr Wilson proposes to establish one of his four Branch Institutions. "He is

Nov. 26/

W. H. D. Beatty –
N. W. T. Co –
Sir

Enclosed find
Cheque for $67.50 to cover
cost of two passage
tickets to and
Fairbank Yukon –

Yrs truly
Edward L. Wilson

Dawson

The Ed. of the Sun. Dawson
Dear Sir

Seattle Wash. Jan 2 1900

If my circulars ~~ed last Oct~~ sent
out one issue of your paper – I have not
remitted you the sum of $2.75 to cover
expenses of the same.

I shall be much obliged also if
you will kindly make a Klondike notice
of the circular in the same issue
of your paper – I send one a few
words together with copy of a letter
from Bishop Cowan if you will
kindly make use your pleasure
of them –

Yrs faithfully
E. L. Wilson

Nov 28/95

My dear Lord —

I am sending you by this mail a packet containing 30 copies of a little circular I have just had printed entitled 'Read & Act'. perhaps you will in some way be able to scatter them in the course of your travels. I have had 10,000 printed — you see, I am a wide circulator.

I have just received a very kind letter from Bishop Anson for me to make what use I please of it — as I am asked it in the Church

and that a list of things is 'best' must be left out — We were very glad to hear from Mrs Laflamme that you had come all safe — You must have been very anxious about them — it was such a dark miserable night with a distant howling wind just after they left — We sat & wearily sat out on the verandah & shuddered for them — The loss of the Algoma was terrible — very few of the bodies seem to have been found.

I have got Watson back as school master — & are are addg the pavement system of trade — I have had friend Isaac & Harry — a pity indeed but it can't be helped — all is going on now quietly & hopefully — Joe Esquimaux's wife (& 2 babies) has come as a pupil to the W.H. — Joe pays $5 towards her support — Our 'Cork Who sings' is turning out first rate — Kind regards & love to all yours

Yr very devoted R. L. Wilson

papers - & I trust that - with God's
blessing it will have a good effect
in stirring people up to assist in
carrying out our proposed scheme -
The Bishop of Rupert's Land has
also written to me & is greatly in
favour of our establishing a Branch
in his Diocese if the way should
so open - I hope that with
God's blessing the carrying out of this
scheme for establishing Branch
Houses at various distant points
may be a means of cementing the
good will that ought to exist between
the different missionary Dioceses -
I had had some thoughts of making

a visit to England in the Spring - but I
do not at present feel any inclination
for it - Of course if I were
it would be mainly with the object of "making
our wants known" - but I dont like
the idea of drawing upon English
purses until Canada has first risen
up to do its duty - & I am rather
inclined to put off my English visit
for another year. Will you
kindly - if possible by return of
post send me a revised list
of our Clergy & Lay readers - for
insertion in January No of Algoma
Miss. News. - I enclose you
a letter from Chorne about his
altar frontlets which I do not
like to put in without your sanction
if you approve it will you please
send it back - for my part I think

Nov 28th 65

My dear Mr Hill

I am rather disappointed that you cannot undertake the support of Rejaunewenah, but am thankful for what you offer to do - namely to clothe a boy & that I will not worry you any more from the Fund, school towards support of your work - As you want to clothe a boy of from 10 to 14 - I will offer you Edward William - aged 13 - Coat - collar 14 in. length of arm 20 Chest 32½. length of back 22½.
Pants. waist 30 - length outside 38 - inside 26. Size of head 21 in.

Boots No 5.

Yours truly
Edward F. Wilkes

Clothes required
2 Coats - 1 waistcoat, 2 pr pants,
2 pr boots, 1 pr sleeping, 3 shirts -
4 pr socks, 2 pr drawers, 2 underwaists
1 hat, 1 muffler, 1 cap, 1 hat, 1 great
Coat, 4 pocket handkerchiefs.

Nov 25th 65

My dear Mr Radcliffe

I think you said that you did not think Mr S. School could present do much towards support of one of our Indian pupils - but would you back the idea that Mr Jeffries writes & try to make up a round dozen towards the support which he entertained. As I think you know it is nothing with to raise many £ here as our friends in Canada & that accord[ing] to Gods blessed term we ought to remember the poor - If you can do a little - a postcard will soon be sent you enquired -
Yours truly
E. F. Wilkes

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Nov. 26/85

My dear Br. des Brisay,

I have tracked you to Hastings, & know you to be an active man in the good work - and want to send you 30 of our circulars to distribute among the Indians. Hastings has been I think yet helped us - Will you speak to the people this winter & see if they cannot be stirred up & do something for Paul for in Canada - I wish we could have many Bazaars & entertainments - but to pray & bring the matter home to peoples' consciences - If each one do a little - we might accomplish a great work -

Yours sincerely
W. H. Wilson

Nov. 26/85

Rev. S. A. Young

Dear Bro

want to send you 30 of our circulars about extending our work among the Indians - in the course of the next year will try to do something for us this winter. I do not know if it so but Quebec has always shown us the cold shoulder - but I do not think we have received much help from Philpotts - Surely there are others who would take up our cause if it were made known - & I wish the Sunday School interested in our work -

Yours faithfully
W. H. Wilson

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Nov 16/75

Rev Mr Borrell -

I received both times & with your circular letting me know with the present arrangement - I think you each year do not at present guarantee any permanent support from Govt. School - but would you not this winter endeavour a round some towards our proposed Industrial extension - I don't want you to papers entertainments - but a people to remember that the Indians are paid poor in Canada - & each try & do a little accordingly their means shall turn - I counsel our work & your - & earnestly pray God that you may see it your duty & do earnestly & assist us -

Yrs as ever
J. L. Wilson

Saul-St. N.
Ro.

My dear Mr Borrell

I think I can understand from your letter that you at present object to any extension of our work here among the Indians - but would you not this winter try & circulate among yr people or Sabbath Schools - a round robin towards our proposed Shingwauk Extension - I am sending you 20 of our circulars - which I shall be much obliged if you will kindly make the best use you can of - If each would do a little - we could soon have a good sum in hand for carrying on our proposed work -

Yrs sincerely
J. L. Wilson

Nov. 30/85

Rev. Canon Curran

Dear Sir

I regret very much I had not the pleasure of meeting you on the occasion of my visit to Hamilton this summer - as your Sunday School used at one time regularly to support our work - & I was in great hopes that you would kindly consent to renew your help - We are in very urgent need of more support - especially as I am making an effort to extend our work - People do not seem yet to have taken the Indian question home to their consciences. If only each would do a little we should be able to do great work - I am sending you 30 circulars which will you kindly make use of as you can - Yours faithfully

E. F. Wilson

Nov. 30/85

Hamilton

Rev. Canon Curran

My dear Mr Zeller -

I have got Johnny, one of our Indian boys to answer Mr Manson's letter to me - which I need scarcely say we all very gratefully enjoyed reading. It is so exceedingly interesting to us all to hear from one actually living in the Holy Land & to answer so many questions that we keep thinking we should like to ask. If at any time you could be sending some curiosities or other small things to Mr Malaher would you kindly put in one or two little things for us to see - as we receive a box every Spring from Islington & they could be sent out to us in it - I will try also to take some opportunity of sending some little things for the boys from Canada

Very sincerely yrs.

E. F. Wilson

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Correspondence between the boys of the Holy Land and a Red Indian boy of Canada -

At Sault Ste Marie, near Lake Superior in Canada there is a Home for Indian Children called the SHINGWAUK HOME: it was built about 12 years ago and is a substantial Stone building & accommodates about 60 Indian boys. The boys are taken from all parts of Canada & some of them learn trades while others are reared as school teachers. The Rev. E. F. Wilson, who is the founder & the principal of this institution, teaches his boys & while benefitting by the Charity of others they also should try & do what they can to help forward God's work in the world, & so a missionary box is kept, & every week the boys put in a few cents which they have earned by working, and the money is applied toward the support

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of an orphan boy in Miss Roberts' Memorial School at Jerusalem. It takes £10 a year to support the boy, & this sum is all made up by the teacher & boys of the Indian Home. Two, last or three of the boys do write to me & send home & small sum every three months, & this they apply toward the support of the Arab boy. The two following letters will show the interest taken in one another by these boys of two widely separated schools & of such very different language & parentage: the first is from the Arab boy in the Holy Land to Rev. E. F. Wilson in Canada and the second is from Rev. E. F. Wilson to the Indian boy of the Arab boy -

Miss Roberts' Memorial School
Jerusalem, August 12th 1885

Dear Sir

It gave us all great pleasure to hear again something about you, but I was more glad than I can tell you, that you were so kind as to write a special

letter [illegible] by [illegible] year. I am rather busy these day, as it is the last day of our School year. A public examination will be held tomorrow in our school and then we take leave of dear Zion and of one another for a two months vocation. But I would feel uneasy indeed if I would go to Nazareth now without having written, nor expressed my thanks to you.

Accept therefore dear Sir first of all my very best thanks for your friendly and most interesting lines and for the little photographs too. They are very nice and give us a good idea of your life. I see there is a great difference of landscape between your country and ours. Here are few trees only here, scarcely any rivers, & we are on the Whole badly supplied with water; we drink chiefly rain water. Even in the cold time of the year snow is scarcely seen, but I think it must be a pleasure for your boys to see so much snow and play with it. At present it is very hot in Palestine, here are about 90° in the shade during the afternoon and the heat will probably increase still. Just a great many luscious fruits are ripening, as our pears are especially nice and sweet and so are figs and pomegranates. How much I should like to share them with your good boys! You will find my likeness among the pupils in the 3d row. I am holding a book. We were most delighted with the Indian words you have given us; it seems to be a rather difficult language although it is written with English characters. I am going to give you a few Arabic words in return . . . . . .

I have made the letter so long, that I have only left time to tell you that we all join in love to you and to your boys

Believe me dear Sir Yours gratefully & truly

Bishara Mansoor.

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Shingwauk Home
Sault Ste Marie
Ontario.
Nov 28th 1885

My dear friend

We were all happy to hear from you again. Mr Wilson read the letter (you wrote) to us, Heron was very silent while he was reading it, for we are desiring to know something of that Country where you are. I wish I could go there some day, just to see the place where our Lord was when he was upon earth. I am sure you would like to see our Country too. As far as I know it is quite different from yours. We hardly ever see any fruit, but lot of berries, such as strawberries, raspberries and blue berries; in our language we call strawberries odamenun, raspberries miskomenug, blueberries menun. Our language is far more difficult to learn than English, some of the words have thirty letters. Please answer these

questions, — Are Mt Zion and Mount Moriah two separate mountains. Tell us how they are situated. Have you ever been to Mount Calvary where our Lord was crucified? What is the population in Nazareth now? We cannot understand much about your Country unless we see it; one thing I know your Country is much warmer than here. We have snow about six months in a year. Our best fun in winter is skating and sliding. There is no snow at present, but there is ice on a little lake about 150 yards long and 50 yards wide. The river does not freeze until December. We are enjoying ourselves in skating on the little lake. Tell us the principal games you play at your school and how long are you allowed to play in a day; in our school we may play from 12.30 to 3 p.m. School is from 9 to 12 a.m. and 3 to 5 p.m. What boo

Rev. A. W. Mackay

Dear Sir

I am writing to send you a packet of my 'Red Hot Dots' in the hope that some one of the children – or grandchildren may be willing to do a little for our Indian Homes this winter. I think if people could only be led to realise the Indians as 'God's poor in Canada' – their connection with us, & our responsibility to them, more than has yet been done – there would be as many pence (I don't like to ask for pounds) as there are dots in all the packets. God prosper the work.

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Yours sincerely
J. H. Wilson

Are you in Sunday School?
What are you saying to the other children in Sunday School?
Have been here 4 years. I am from Little Current on the North shore of Manitoulin Island, about 150 miles from here. I am preparing to teach.
My age is 17.
"Whatsoever your hand findeth to do, do it with thy might" and everything will go well with you.

Believe me with kind regards from us all
Yours truly
John A. Maggrah

Miss Miller returned
Sept 22nd 1885
Letter was received
Sept 27th and answered

Dear Friend

I was very glad to get your kind encouraging letter which I received a day or two ago. Certainly it would be well if we could look upon everything as it happens as sent for our good. Often our plans are unsuccessful & we do still it is difficult to keep up zeal & interest in one's work. Such little apparent result seems to follow from all one's efforts. I feel this think it stands that Jesus is a more difficult work than mine. I would rather have to deal with Indians & even Indian parents. Than with

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Sault Ste Marie
Sept 2nd 1885

Rev. Mr Pentecost -

Dear Sir

I regret very much that I was not at the Parish House when you all in response to your kind invitation. Perhaps at some future day I may be able to do so. In the meantime I very much hope that people will be willing to do a little for us this winter. I am sure $30 of my "Red Letter List" which will gladly make to use when you can.

Yours sincerely
E. Wilson

Would a Sunday School undertake a child - ?
$25 per annum

contain clergy - &c.
to Nova Scotia. I have reason to
hear Rankfit that my work has been
as successful as it has, considering
the difficulties that beset the way.
Our funds are beautiful low at
present - about $1300 deficit - The
Homes owing me $700 or $800 & Plummer
the balance. Two years ago we had
a balance of $650, last year $240,
last Spring a deficit of $400 - So we
are gradually going down - our income
is evidently insufficient & keep an
average of 60 children in the 2 Homes -
I am glad that is a small number. I
hope before next Spring we shall pick
up a little as a good many new
S. Schools have promised support -
but they don't send the Cash yet - &

we must pay our Christmas debts
& buy food for them - Principal
is $300 per annum additional expense
- but I do not see how I can do without
him - Jean with him here. I am hard
at work from Early Night. & he is
looks jagged overworked too -
I hope Jean will write an article
for our Annual Report this year -
I post it out towards the end
of January. Do you
not think - if the Mission Board
make the Canadian Missionary this
year as I see proposed - it will
be best to print up the Adv. Mission here
- it does not do much good now
to our Homes - & I hear there is
a new paper called "the Indian" &
come out North which I shall probably
be able to utilize - I have heard

…mmi to C. C. … that I do not see … in way to pay my expenses with Indians this year home next spring – do not … will have to be deferred for the present … have not done – I think Canadian … ought to be roused up to do their … duty to the Indians before any steps … is done – We have had it … very mild here so far – as snow … on the ground until yesterday – now … just a sprinkling – Wotton is … doing very well & been pleasant & … obliging this year – I wish … 'Crompton' would come round in the … same way – not have afraid he … is a hopeless case – Our … Children are [illegible] thankful & … all quite well – no sickness … either of the Home – Miss Hannon … very kind sent me $8 from herself … sisters the other day – Yours sincerely … E. A. Wilson

… are in … very [illegible] … Your … [illegible] … case remittance of $80 … our Shingwauk Home from the … Children of St. John's School, … Stewartown – [illegible] … [illegible] a few of my circulars which … will tell you that we are [illegible] … (D.V.) an extension of our work … [illegible] … have at present our hands … [illegible] best wishes kindly let me … know by postcard & I will send one … [illegible] … Yours … [illegible] … Rev. J. Macnay

Dec. 11 /72

Dear Mr. Letts

I am delayed answering your letter by finding more time as I can devote must compress my work. I think the best thing I can do for you is to put some extracts from my letter in our next A. M. News which will probably do. I would like very much to visit you during the winter if possible - but I fear it is doubtful. Many thanks for enclosing my subscription to Ag. M. News. I enclose you a circular which will show you what we are doing - Yrs sincerely -

S. A. Wilson

My kind regards to wife & daughters.

Dec. 11 /72

Dear Mr. Bradshaw

Many thanks for your kind note - I get many sometimes with the apathy & want of interest shown by so many - & it is cheering once in a while to get a kind & helpful letter - I am sure it was very kind of your S. Sch. Children & make the collection for us - I find on our books that you are charged with $3 cts - for Ag. M. News - Perhaps you can say you paid to Jas for some mistake or some error - as I will have it stand - Yrs sincerely -

S. A. Wilson

Dec 11/75

A. A. Davis Esq
Dear Sir

I am disappointed but we have so long to wait for the late Mr. Griffin's bequest - but it cannot be helped - We shall be sending plates of a box of Sunday School books but if early as possibility reaches us while navigation is closed - Please send the freight about the 1st of next Nov - Yrs truly

Yrs faithfully
S. L. Dickson

Dec 12/75

Rev. Mr. Stephenson -
Dear Sir

I regret exceedingly to be obliged to refuse admission to Institution to following Indian children - We have either left our Institution without permission or failed return since the holidays -

Alex. Bird - aged 16 - Walpole Is.
Edward Bird - " 12 "
Mekenzie Nander " 14 "
Joseph Sampson " 14 "
Joseph Chebana - 15 Parry Sound
Jonas Manke - " 15 Fox Island
Jackson (David) Kahgay - 15 Sarnia

We have 60 children at present in our Homes – but I find it very unsatisfactory that the parents are often so careless about their children remaining with us for a reasonable time. I daresay you have experienced the same trouble. I have recently written to the Ind. Department – proposing that the selection of intelligent healthy children to be sent to Institutions Eastern ones – shd rest with the School Inspectors – that the Indian Agents shd be required to obtain Consent from Parents & then send the children to their destination – & see that they always return punctually (unless prevented by illness) after vacation –

Yrs faithfully
J. L. Wilson

F. J. Carter

Dec. 14. 1783

My dear Sir

In reply to yours of the 9th inst — I am sure you cannot be aware of the circumstances connected with that affair between Bowen & Mr Hallam which occurred some years ago or you would not presume to accuse me as my enquiry —

Bowen rented it the time off by employ & was working on his own account in the village in some shop he had rented — all that I had to do with him at the time was that I was renting my

premises that I have continued to deal with Mr Hallam since his affair took place — as I did so at all like all the hostile that he caused me at the time — If I am the heaviest with such injustice after simply doing my justice to the Honor by refusing to pay for the same articles twice which I do think any honest man will do — it was better for me to deal with Mr Hallam —

Yours truly
F. K. Wilson

tools from him & of course he found his own material - It was during his time that he on his own account sent an order for leather to Mr. Hallam & received it from Mr. Hallam - If he ordered it in my name or in any way connected the order with the Shipwright Name it was cheating on his part - as he was not in my employ - & any work that he did for us I paid him for in full.

When Bowers came up business in the Vault - I put my tools back from him & brought out from him his stock of leather - paying him full value for it -

Mr. Hallam already knows all the circumstances of the case - Had it not been as I have stated he could of course have compelled me to pay the bill - & I doubt not for amount we have done so - But I think it is a very wrong thing after a matter has been settled as this has been for Slander to be thrown back in this way - It has never been with a view of

The Editor of the Evangelical Churchman

Dear Sir

I have just received a letter from a fellow-clergyman in Ontario, criticising in a friendly tone my proposal to extend our work among the Indians by establishing Branch Institutions in the Dioceses of Assiniboia & Manitoba. I shall be very much obliged if you will allow me through the medium of your columns, as I think benefit will be done by having this matter sifted out. The letter in question suggests that I am making a mistake in spending money to establish Indian Homes in the North West as the Government is willing and bound to provide all necessary funds for the education of the Indians in those parts. and it suggests further that the best form of

[illegible] behalf the Indians just as the Church of England [illegible] with a special [illegible] States being made [illegible] $7000 per annum for missions among the Indians of the Diocese of Rupert's Land.

In reply to this I would (1) state that the Bishop of Qu'Appelle & the Bishop of Rupert's Land have written me very kind letters both of them warmly in favor of my scheme. (2) I am not aware, nor do I think it at all likely that the Government is prepared to take the whole expense of erecting several Institutions for Indian children, and that even if they did so I believe they would put them under the charge of those who have already shown an active & kindly interest in Indian work, namely the Roman Catholics. There is already a Roman Catholic Institution near Fort Qu'appelle which is fully supplied

by the Government. [illegible] is the only Institution existing supported by Government that I know of. It is in a great measure with the idea of counteracting the increasing power of the Roman Catholic Church in the North West that I am proposing the creation of Institutions which shall be under the Government of the Church of England. (3) But even if Government was willing to erect for me and to maintain for me one or more Institutions in the North West I would not accept the offer, for the reason that it would be defeating the GREAT OBJECT WHICH I HAVE AT HEART, namely to stir up the Canadian Church to do her duty towards these poor outcasts. If the Government is to relieve us as a Christian people of that obligation which the Bible ~~[illegible]~~ places upon us to seek out, to care for, to protect, to help, to teach, lead in God's ways these poor

people, [illegible] work - in fact then all I can say is Let Mr. Mair take all the work in my place for I have no heart for it - no desire for it. If it is not a knowledge of agriculture and a secular education that these poor Red men are receive, if it is to be a matter of indifference whether they become Roman Catholics or Protestants or remain Pagans then I wipe my hands of the work. I do not - cannot feel - that God has called me to it. No! - I look upon the Government as a most helpful auxiliary, I look upon an annual grant from Government as a most desirable thing to receive, - but as to the control; - let that rest in the hands of those who have a true feeling of sympathy & care not only for the bodies but for the souls also of these poor neglected creatures. And LET NO EXCUSE be offered to the Church of England in Canada for wiping her hands

is laid at his feet [illegible]
de[illegible]to spend and be spent in his
service & to minister to the wants of wicked
& ten[illegible]rable of these poor Indians believe it
that he has called me to this special work. I do
not want the hard earned money for
this. I am appealing. If only some
gentleman would undertake to be my
Treasurer in Toronto as Mr Campbell
is so generously doing for the Diocese of
Algoma I would be deeply thankful.
Very greatly indeed would I prefer it
if no money should pass through my
hands but my own salary. If this could
be done very great anxiety & responsibility
would be removed from my shoulders.
I would like just to be the General on
the field with Carte Blanche to carry on
under Almighty God's direction my work
among the Indians. The Government
would I believe help me by an annual
grant to each Branch Home as it has

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[illegible]ibelly at [illegible]ressingly
RESTS UPON HER of the duty for and
education of Christians in poor Forest
Children. Oh my soul has
been chilled through & through again by
the terrible apathy on the part of those who
call themselves Christians. Wherever I
go throughout Canada I see Christians living
in luxury & ease, every day adding to their
possessions & making themselves more com-
fortable — they appeals of their liberality
[illegible]aid me in my work among the Indians
are all in vain. Besides giving up
my whole life to the work & sacrificing the
interests of my large now family of
children (by this is the gift of the Society part of the stipend)
I believe [illegible] I give more
in cash towards Indian work in the
course of a year than any single individual
among my Canadian Subscribers. I say
it without boasting. I have no need
to boast. Whatever I have belongs to
God. The Whole Of my property if I have

helped hitherto our Shingwauk
& Wawanosh Homes. Yes, I fear
not. I am ready to advance directly
the supplies begin to come in. I want
no bazaar money, no tableaux money.
I want money warmed by the hands &
the hearts of the friends, money offered to
God on the bended knee; with such funds
I can go forward, & I know God will
bless & prosper the work.
Apologies for occupying so much of
your space — I remain
Yours faithfully
EDWARD F. WILSON.

Sault Ste Marie
Dec. 15th 1885.

Dec. 16th 85

My dear Dr. Duncan —
I am very thankful to
your kind letter with enclosure
of $24.85 & photograph — all
of which I was very pleased &
receive — We must try & get
a photo of little Alice & send
to you — It is most kind of
you & your sister on behalf of
our work in your far distant
province — When I have more
circulars & distributed I shall send
them to you — Rhome Mills is a
long way from here — about 100 miles —
but I shall some opportunity will offer
for it to go — I am very sincerely
Yours E. F. Wilson

Dec 16/85

My dear Mr. Kirby –

I am requested by a Parishioner of yours to write to you for information respecting a Mr. Thomas Jackson who, I am informed, died at his home near Port Perry in the Province of Ontario about 2 years ago. (2) John Wright who I am informed died about 2 years ago and was buried at Scarboro' – (3) James Pedlar who was last heard of about 3 years ago and is still with us – I shall be much obliged by your kindly forwarding me the information required at your earliest convenience.

Believe me to remain
Yours very truly
(Rev.) E. A. H. Dennington

Dec 16/85

Rev. E. A. H. Dennington

Dear Sir

I am very much obliged to you for your letter & kindly pointing out what may seem to me to be defects & errors in my work & the R. Book. In reply I would like to say (1) That both the Bishop of Quebec & Bp. of Rupert's Land have written me warmly favoring my scheme (2) That I have the power & intend & maintain such institutions means the laying down of the work by the Ch. of England – which I for my part would most strenuously oppose – A power I want for each institution I shall apply for & I hope by it – but I mean the power alone to build & maintain

think that it is best not to ask for support for our Home Mission Work this year from our Indian Friends - I fear the very great difficulties we have to contend with - the almost inexplicable perversities of peculiar Indian dispositions & peculiarities of Indian habits of thought & feeling - If one in 20 turn out really satisfactorily it is probably the most we can hope for - still we feel our work has not been in vain - if we have learned about the Language & we enter a little more into their way of living - we feel that time must be allowed before any great change can be effected

Yours sincerely
T. L. Wilson

means that his Institution will be either Roman Catholic or Nonsectarian.

(3) If the Gov. would give me the money for erecting & maintaining such institution as I propose I would not accept it I think you mistake my purpose - The OBJECT OF MY HEART is to stir up the Church in Canada to her duty towards those poor outcasts - If it is to be an mere Government work of teaching them to farm & educate them - I as a minister of Christ have nothing to do with it I have no heart no desire for it

I remain
Yours sincerely
T. L. Wilson

Dec 18th 70

My Dear Lord

I have just heard from Bishop in reference to a letter which I wrote to you shortly last October - & I am a little annoyed that I did not talk the matter over with him before writing to you - This I could not have done as my ideas on the subject only developed while I was travelling - & you often to mind some about my visit. When I met you - I thought there ought to be no haste in seeking your unbiassed opinion as to the advisability

of opening - a New Mission which has always been drawn from the Diocese besides the Dio. of Algoma I should like if Mr Ashton of the Mohawk Institute - with the sanction of the New Eng. Co. were first to establish on the Manitoulin - I am not at present prepared to seek for donations to do so - this of course he might do as one of your clergy -

I am much afraid you will find my notion as possible & let me know after due thought what you have to establishment of a Branch Institute in the neighborhood of the Clair River provided it can be done - Feeling as I have said before, that Indian work is a greater work for the Indians than any I can do - & I am only just waiting - Him in prayer to see how my way will be - I remain -

Yours sincerely yrs -

E. A. Wilson

or Stuart is established a Branch
House with the limits of your
Diocese. By letter I now am
writing a Pastoral — I was anxious
to ascertain your feelings about it & also
that of the Bishop of Toronto — before
taking any further steps: I traced a
Sketch of what was in my own mind
at the time so that you might have
the matter as clearly as possible before
you — & I hoped that you would
have answered me before my return
home — If your reply was favorable
& if convenient then I have consulted
with my own Bishop — if not then
not to be necessary. I now

must ask for a moment think that
there is any misunderstanding or want
of confidence between myself & the
Bishop of Algoma. Far from it —
The Bishop has been my kindest friend
& helper ever since his appointment
to the Diocese — & I constantly go to
him for counsel & advice in regard
to the work of my Mission — I
must remember however that my
Mission are not & never have been
a distinct Diocesan constitution —
I was in the Dio. of Toronto when I
first began the work — & the formation
of a Committee in England was put in
front from the P.C.C.S. was all
my own doing — Bishop Bethune never
interfered with me — neither did Bishop

Dec. 18th 80

My dear Lord—

I have been intending for some time past to write to you — & beg before you go to Rome for extending our work & the establishment of the Branch St Mary's in Assiniboia & in Rupert's Land, & in the Dio. of Huron in the neighborhood of the St Clair River & if you approve, in the neighborhood of Lake Simcoe.

I enclose you one of my circulars which it is quite possible you may

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& Warden Sh— Since my own friends deserted me from rebuilding the Church after it was burned. My own Bishop is in every way most kind & friendly to me — does not at present advocate the proposed extension — but I think he will be obliged when he sees the work going ahead — I shall write & he led & I think God is leading me in this matter — Kindly let me hear from you on the subject as soon as you can find time & write. I am staying Peoria & Cree his winter — With kindest regards to Mrs Sweetman

Yrs very sincerely
S. D. Wilson

Bishop Anson & Bishop McElroy have both written to me very kindly & spoken to the project. Bp Baldwin I am told has

Eastend, Parry Island, Canada
Island & all the District.
Even if I enlarge our present
Hig work & take 150 pupils & with
each of these 24 Branch Homes - that
will not be about 280 pupils (which
Mawanort) altogether. What is that
Between such & the 1000's of Indians
in Canada & the North West. And as
to support - I shall of course expect
a liberal grant from Govt. each Home
for general support - & seeing there
are 280 Indian Schools throughout the
Dom. capable of subscribing $50
each towards maintenance of the
individual Indian Children.
I have no fear of results - if God help
will help me. I had the same
difficulties when I began the Hig work

All the children at Home are quite well.

Decr 26th 85

C. P. J. Hall Esqr

Dear Sir

I have just rec^d your of the 22nd inst. & have also received advice of the Bank of Montreal of the receipt of the £12. 13. 3 = $61.47/100 which has been deposited to credit of my Indian Homes acct. On looking over my books I find that I have money on hand from you & per for Pascoe's support until July 1st 1886. after which time - provided the boy stays I shall look to you & pay £15 per ann. for his maintenance.

Decr 29th 85

Wm William Hawkes -

Dear Sir

In reply to your first received - I am sorry to be quite well & has been made no complaints to me - He is leaving Wapoo mostly every second week & goes to School the other week - He gets the same pay as the other boys & always has done so. I have had & find fault with him for chewing tobacco - which is not allowed. I don't think he has any else to complain of - We have 40 boys & 21 girls now. Have had to send away 2 big boys for bad conduct - I am Yours Truly J. H. Wilson

Letter to pay this as you have done the Lewis Creek Bank & Brentwood

In regard to the disposal of the £12. 13. 3 - I do not quite advise it to be extended over 3 years instead of being paid in a lump sum - for 2 reasons (1) If the woman got the 100 dollars in a lump she would probably make merry with her friends & it would be gone in 6 weeks - (2) Her receiving the money in small instalments would act as a preventative to her again running Pascoe before

he has been properly educated

Sir - If you see no objection to this arrangement - I will not be in any way on Lewis Board & let her have the money £5 at a time -

In the meantime I send you my receipt for the amount in full - If the terms does not suit you - or you think it better to pay the whole amount at once to Mrs Hill - please let me know - & I will follow your direction - I will not pay her any of the money till I hear again from you

Yrs truly
T. H. Dickson

Pascoe - seems an intelligent little person but scarcely knows right from wrong.

Dec. 20th 85

My dear Mr. Hale—

I have been studying the Dakota grammar & dictionary you so kindly sent me with the very greatest interest. It is very curious the similarity in some points & the utter divergence in others of the two languages. The chief difficulty seems to me the construction—& in this it seems to follow the Hebrew. The construction of an English sentence has to be so completely turned before it can be rendered intelligibly in Dakota. This is

seemed to me misleading but am in it.

If you have time to write again will you kindly tell me where I can procure a reliable table of all the great Indian tribes & families, showing how they are connected one with another. At present my ideas are very misty on this subject. If you do not know of such a table perhaps you can tell me in a few words what I want to know.

Very sincerely yours.

T. L. Wilson

Do you know of any small handbook with dialogues &c. of either the Dakota or Cree languages?

Many thanks for the information about the Delawares.

very different to Ojibway - This can generally be very literally rendered.

I have already written out the greater part of the grammar. I shall be well able to return from the bush by the 1st of March. I shall try to get one or two Scotch pupils from Institution if possible next summer - & thus enable myself to get a more complete knowledge of the language.

I do wish very much to have some move made towards adopting one common Orthography for all Indian languages in Canada - & for all Indians both in future & the printed accounts of the present Orthography. Do you not make a move in the matter - or communicate on the subject with some of the learned people. In all my notes on the Dakota language I am at present following the Smithsonian - with the exception that I object to 'c' to represent the sh sound - preferring ŝ or ş, and instead of the nasalized ñ I put the circumflex over the preceding vowel ã for añ, ẽ for eñ &c. - By a little experience I had last summer listening to Scotch Indians talking I came into the impression that there was very little n sound in words containing the ñ - often scarcely perceptible - &

Dec: 28/85

My dear Lord -

To-day I spoke of disposing of the services of Mr Gallaher in Spain - Lincolne gave a letter for it received from a Clergyman in Prov. Quebec relative to his son Wm wishes to go in work among the Indians - It might be well to ascertain whether he would be in any way fitted for position of Sch. teacher & catechist with a view to future ordination - but don't fear his

Dec 29 - (Sunday) was a splendid day - bright & sparkling & was passed most enjoyably by every one - We had Service at 11 - Indian Children Service (boys & girls) at 1 - Mrs Leal & servants dinner at 1.30 - (Cornelius & Daniel stop Church) - games all the afternoon - Mrs Leal home at 6 - Our dinner at 6.30 - (Mrs Pipe, Miss Wheeler, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Potter, room & part) Many thanks & Mrs Leal's for her letter - & the very nice Christmas Card with its sweet & soothing words - Dear boys I am glad to see an invite & kingdom at the last moment - May your calling & election have been sure & thus public & Port Hope. Miss Pipe is disappointed but resigned - Yours very truly

S. L. Wilson

education will not be sufficient
I have since written to Mr Gell
that I have forwarded his application
from me. I received yr.
report for our Indian Homes
Festival - for which my many
thanks - - also list of Xn.
engagements in Muskoka - Wish
those Bishops will but in
- but as proof was all correct
sent back this two days
ago - I fear it is rather doubtful
if it will be in time - Mr
Lowe for our Chapel is pretty

decorated for Christmas - Mrs
Mitchell, Miss Harris, & Miss Pyke
have all been hard at work - The
Pulpit desk is filled with a
string net work interlaced with
green & words suspended from
it by white thread - We made
it on the floor & then raised it
into place which was rather
difficult work - over the
font is a white dove with
golden rays supported by an
triangle of green wreathing -
Mr Green very kindly acted
Santa Claus & arrived on
Christmas Eve. While the boys
were all at tea - Christmas

This is to certify that I the undersigned Executor of the will and Testament of Peter Mitchell late of the City of Montreal, Esquire, have received from the Honorable P. J. O. Chauveau, Administrator of the late H. D. Mitchell Esquire, the sum of £12. 13. 3 (equal to $61.47/100), which sum I have deposited to the credit of the Estate of the late H. D. Mitchell, one half of which I am informed by the said H. D. Mitchell is to be paid to the Shipwreck Aid Society, the said sum in one annual payment without interest during the next three years ensuing.

Witness: W. D. Mitchell

Edward Wilson

Dec. 20/85

Dear Sir

In reply to your of the 20th inst. I am unable to procure negatives of the Shipwreck Home or the photographs being across the river. Which is not at present accessible but I send you another photograph of the Home taken in Winter. Which is I think clear.

I may mention that I made a model of the Shipwreck Home and grounds - some 2 years ago. The Model which is about 3 ft 6 square is built of cardboard - trees of sticks & moss - stone walls of stone &c. It is at present in possession of the Rev. Archdeacon Wilson, the Vicarage, Lobinston N. The building has had additions made to it since the model was prepared.

Yours truly

Edward Wilson

Dec 29/85

Dear Mrs Bellamy

Enclosed you will find Bank money order for $20 + 3 mos. int at 4 p.c. total $20.20 — Ernest is quite well + happy. He was out with a letter to go with my daughter Beatrice help him.

Yrs truly
S. H. Wilson

Dec 29 85

Lewis & Jones
Dear Sir

The last draft on the Canadian Bank of Commerce which was sent you on the 1st of October November + December — This letter speaks for itself as the articles of which it treats have been in the hands + mouth of every person that we have had dealings with — Will you

Sault Ste Marie
Dec 31st 1885

The Manager
Bank of Montreal
Sarnia

Sir

Enclosed Bill of Exchange for £123 — with which amount please credit my Solicitors Messrs Reid + Adams and oblige

Yours truly
S. H. Wilson

Decr 29/85

C. H. Rolston Esq.

Dear Sir

Yr letter of Nov. 22d has only just reached me. I have great pleasure in sending you one of our Annual Reports containing full particulars about our work. We do not make a point of taking orphan children but rather wish to pick out the most healthy & promising — with a view to raising the Indians as a people to a better position socially while at the same time training them as Christians & teaching them what is useful. No change is at present made to the Indian parents, but the children are

& the proposed extension of our work among the Indians — I have just received an affidavit from Manitoba for a little Sioux boy to be received into our Shingwauk Home — with the liberal offer of some friend to pay for his education for 3 years —

Yrs very truly

E. F. Wilson

If I get out a second "Red Hot Shot" can you print it for me & enclose a copy (as supplement) with each of the papers one issue. If so what will be charge? I should want 500 besides what you distribute.

would have them back copies sent to me — & also see that in future a copy is forwarded more regularly. I understand you were willing to let us have a copy free in return for the Algoma Missionary News. If not I am willing to pay for it. If you can afford me space I shall be glad to send you more communications from time to time in regard

supported by Land, Schools and friends.

I shall be very much obliged if you can kindly furnish me with a little information as to the number of Indians now in Manitoba - & what is being done by missionaries there. Whether there is any Institution such as ours either Protestant or R. Catholic. Whether a Branch House would be likely to succeed if I could manage to establish it - & if so where would be the best locality. Can you also tell me what books are procurable either in the Sioux or Cree languages.

Yours very truly -

S. D. Wilson

Shingwauk Home
Sault Ste Marie
Dec 29th 85

Dear Friends.

You may possibly have heard already of my plan to establish some more homes at various distant points in connection with our Shingwauk Home — I propose to have one in Assiniboia, one in Rupert's Land, one near Lake Nipissing & one on the St Clair River. And I am hoping also to enlarge our Shingwauk Home so as to take 100 pupils — as well as to prepare any Indians as teachers & missionaries. Of course all this will cost money — but God has helped me in the past & will help me in the future if it be His will. I desire them

P.S. Bp of Moosonee (?) with whom I have corresponded does not seem much in favour of my plan at present but I have no doubt he will approve of it — if he finds the Indians really desire it & that it is likely to be of benefit to them.

I have just got application from Manitoba to take a little Sioux boy into our Home — & offer from a friend to pay for him for 3 years — all our boys & girls (61) are quite well.

of Sault Ste Marie. as the Indians about
round me & away up the North are asking me
to take their children & I think it is only fair
to give them the preference. We might still
however take a few – especially any that wish
to prepare themselves. Some three
boys now preparing for the School teachers Exami
next summer. & I think it quite likely that
they will pass. The School Inspector has recommend
us not to let any young Indians teach school
until they have been through one of the Institutions
& passed a proper examination.

If a Branch Home is established on the
St Clair River such as I propose – it will
however have to be under the charge of a Superintendent
& Wife. & I shall pay a visit once or twice

as a first step to ask its opinion about establishing a Branch Home somewhere on the St Clair River - & shall be glad if you can obtain for me the opinion of the Indians of St Walpole & Sarnia on the subject. I think if the Indians desire it that they should be the first ones to move in the matter, & those who are not well off I think might do something towards it. The Home will accommodate 40 pupils - boys & girls - & will cost about $5000. I propose to call it the 'Kiyoshk Home' - Adam Kiyoshk having been the first pupil that came to the Kiyoshk Home.

I would like you to tell the Indians at Walpole & Sarnia that I am afraid I will not be able to take many more of their children in our Home

in the year - & also collect money from the Land Returns for its support - the same as we do now for the Shawanoe & Wyandot Indians at present. I think the Indians at St Jan will probably prefer having their children educated near home instead of coming so far - If they really desire it - they should write me a formal letter signed by the principal men & they that I will do themselves toward it.

I was very much disappointed on getting home last Fall to find that Jackson Rahgany & two Walpole boys had run away - they had also been very dishonest & had stolen things - I have put the whole matter in the hands of the Ind. Dep.t to proceed in the matter as they think best. Jackson was getting well - & might have gone up for treaties this coming March Spring if he had stayed - It is a great disappointment to me his turning out so bad.

Use economy as soon as you can - Yours sincerely -

T. Wilson

Dec 28th/85

Dear Ed -

Sorta & Mrs Sullivan left a day or two ago - but met Orita again from Indy - Still has a letter I have just received from Manitou - Read in my letter to Mrs S. that I believed God was gradually opening my way for a more extended work - & I feel it more & more every day - The letter I refer to just received, is from Beulah, Man. and asks if I can take a little orphan Indian boy aged 7 into our home - The writer takes great interest in the

Church - says a Branch Home on the St Clair - I shall still have the children in a measure under my care & the long journeys on the part will be avoided - But such an Institution is wanted I think cannot well be questioned - If we cease receiving children from those places there is no other place for them to go to - The Methodist Orph. & Nursery Home can only take 50 boys & girls - is already full - & has plenty of Indians near at home without going as far as Sarnia - & even if they take their own members from those places - there are still the children of the large Church Population left unprovided for -

What applies to the proposed Branch Orph. on St Clair - applies with equal

child - days it was his
parents dying wish that he should be
educated & I sent deposit $225
for 3 years tuition.

I am sure you will
be led & feel as I do about the
necessity for extending our work -
The Bible Society has just
built two & does not seem to
favor a Branch Home in his
diocese - I cannot & have not
gone fully into the matter with
him - My idea is regard to these
2 Branch Homes in Ontario -
one at St. Clair & one in neighbourhood
of Lake Simcoe - is that of old

& so ... is of ... Island
Mr. Stonehouse - & Miss Shaw
are established - one should ...
should be kept for Indian Children
within a certain radius - except
such as are preparing for teachers
I think it is too far & his children
from Sarnia & Walpole & Christian
Island - it seems if ... being taken
away from Civilisation & civilised
ways - & it is a great drawback
not being able to send them home in
winter if they get sick - At the
same time - Sarnia was my old
mission & I have been so long
acquainted with the Sarnia & Walpole
Indians that I do not like to release
my hold of them altogether - &

received [illegible] from the
School Inspector, giving me list of
Indian [illegible] and papers for next teachers'
examination. This is very moderate
in its requirements - so much so - that
I am told it owes its [illegible] to Mr. Watson - I
have just heard that Mr. David Johnny
in addition to Wanbesepic - that [illegible] 22
all 3 tried to pass the exam. next July
& go out & teach schools - Mr. Nelson
has proposed & Government that none shd
be allowed to teach schools in future
but such as have been educated at one
of the Institutions & passed a proper
exam. qualifying them as teachers - We
have now a regular preparatory class
on the Government system -
Very many thanks & Beatrice for the very
fine artistic lead - just received by last Mail
I shall drop Lizzie - Yrs very sincerely
W. Nelson

or even more from a Lake Simcoe
Rice is the center of a large number
of Indians far away from any hotel
The Rideau as you know takes on
the Grand River Indians this always full.

As to the expenses of these Branch
Homes Dr. Smith asks for an
annual grant of $300 or $400
from the Synod of the diocese -
Depend on a Government grant - & support
of individual children by Lund, Schools
for the rest of the expenses -
If we had 100 children at the Shingwauk
25 at the Wawanosh & 40 at each of
these 4 Branch Homes - that 2 of
be 285 altogether - & the support
the Lund Schools of 8 Dioceses - at
average of 35 by each Diocese -

feel certain can be done if only the Church be stirred up to a little zeal in the matter.

I hope if God will, to make another visit to the North West next summer. The Bishops of Ch. Church & Rupertsland are both in favor of the establishment of these Branch Institutions. Archdn. Pinkham is the only one I have heard of to oppose it — but Archdeacons always have opposed my work. I think without exception — as it does not trouble me. It is foolish to think that this work of mine will interfere with the Collections being made for the N. W. — Let them collect all they can — the more the better & still I will get all I want for my work in God's good time. So long as I am giving more myself in proportion than most of those I appeal to — I am not afraid to ask for more. & will keep doing it my Red hot Dot till it begins to burn.

I very much hope that you will fall in with my views — perhaps not in toto — but at any rate so far as accepting the general proposition — that more must be done for the Indians than has been done — & that the plan most likely to succeed is the multiplication of such Institutions as we have here at the Sault. I have just

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Dec 29 / 85

Dear Sir

Your reply bye 3rd inst just received - I am not only able & will - but shall be delighted receive the little Sioux boy into our Institute & I am sure it is any part of your duty to support him for 2 years - at $75 per ann. which is our regular charge - The question is will it be possible to send him to us before navigation opens in Spring - The sooner we have

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Rev. H. Cowsell Esq

Dear Sir -

I will let you know the name of the little boy also the names of his parents & who died - Whether they died Christians - if not, I will not answer for being able - If you have time & pain me a little information as to what religious work is at present being done among the Indians in Manitoba I shall be most grateful - I am busy studying the Sioux language with the help of S.R. Riggs gram. & dictionary - Is there any easy book of dialogues in either the Sioux or Cree languages procurable?

Yours very truly

J. Hines

by rail to Sudbury junction (between Lake Superior & Lake Nipissing) & from Sudbury junction, by two branch lines ~~to~~ to Algoma Mills - which latter place is nearly 100 miles from here - but a good road all the way & I'd send to meet you. I am not however sure if the trains are running on the branch line as yet this winter - but I'd probably tell you at your station.

If you wait till Spring, then you may can come by rail & Port Arthur & thence by steam boat - & to Sault

It is quite possible that I may make a trip to Manitoba & the N. West again next Spring as I did last summer - & I would like very much to visit the Sioux Indians in your locality. You may possibly have heard that I am taking steps to establish two Branch Homes, one in Manitoba & one in Assiniboia. Both your Indian Superintendent & myself would be in the best locality for the Manitoba one - it must be the easy of access by Railway, Lake & river - & in a good central position for the Indian Reserves without being on a too

Dec 31st 1885

Dear Sir

And I know how to tell you how thankful I feel for yr most kind & generous offer of $1000 towards the establishment of a Branch Home in Manitoba. It seems to me a most clear indication of God's will & yr Lord's so seems you may feel — so strongly about it just before receiving my Circular — & I indeed trust that we may have God's blessing on the work —

will be supported by a fraction part of individual children by Sund. Schools — as we do with our present homes. If I get all my proposed Branch Homes started — it will be 285 children altogether — but this will only give an average of 35 for the S. Schools of each diocese to support — & I think can well be done. Will you kindly suggest a name for the Manitoba Home. Bp Anson proposes the 'Katapwa Home' for the one in Assiniboia — they are all the Indian names — & if possible after some local chief —

We shall teach Carpentry — boot making — & farming as we do here at the Shipwash Hoping soon to hear again from you — & wishing you every blessing for the new year —

Yours affectionately
T. L. Wilson

will already have received my
letter of the 27th in answer
to your letter which was a
long time reaching me. I find
since writing that the rain is
not coming on the Algoma Branch
so that there is no chance of
the little house boy coming down
until navigation opens. However
that will be in a months time
as it is not so very long to
look forward to. In
regard to the Branch Home
- my idea is that it shd cost about

$5000 - & I do think the Govt.
Dept. will grant us $1000 towards
it - the rest I doubt not will soon
be raised - I am sending you 50
of my Red Cross Christmas Cards that you
may be able to give them circulation.
When the Home is built - we
shall be able I hope to take
40 Indian children boys & girls
the parents only to sign agreement
for them to remain with us for
5 years - going home every summer
for holidays - A superintendent
& wife will be placed in charge
& a School teacher. The Home

Jan: 1st 86

My dear Lord

I am a little disappointed with your letter - but all I doubt not will in a little while become clear - I am writing to Jacob to ascertain the views of the Indians in that section - You will see in the Church papers about a gentleman in Manitoba giving $1000 towards the establishment of one of our Branch Homes in that Province - Do you see Alg. M. News - We have an article about the Indians in the present issue which is just coming out -

Yours ever affectionately
Edward S. Wilson

Jan: 1st 86

Revd S. A. Trivett
Dear Sir

I am sorry to see by the 17th ult Issue I have written to the Archdeacon again - but it seems to me he does not take much interest in our work. Bishop Phillpotts or Bishop J. Kerr[illegible]ham are the only ones I think in Guelph who have done anything to help forward our work. I have just received a letter from a gentleman in Manitoba offering me $1000 towards the establishment of a Branch Home in that Province. This is very encouraging - Yours ever affectionately -
S. A. Wilson

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Jan 1st 1886.

Revd. J. W. Campbell

Dear Sir

My many thanks for your kind letter with interest in our work & enclosing $2 towards Rupert's Land. You will learn ere you read these lines that our parliament in Manitoba has passed an Act towards establishing a Branch Home in that Province - this is very encouraging -

Yours truly
S. L. Wilson

Jan 1st

Dear Jane Caswell,

I am sorry to hear that your mother so badly off & that Andrew is sick. I enclose Jan $2. which please acknowledge by letter. I am sorry also to hear that Melissa is dead. I had not heard it. We have two boys here this winter & 21 girls. Does Mr Mottram want to send any more of his children to our Homes? If so let me know.

Yours truly
S. L. Wilson

Jan. 1/86

Revd. J. W. Saunders
Dear Sir

Many thanks for your letter. - I am sorry to hear of Revd. Mr. Rae's death - very much indeed. We will be able to help you with the $25 - very much indeed. Mr. Williams he is away now but will be back in a few days - When he comes back I will see him about your matter & write you.

Sask 1st 1885.

My dear Lad

Jam will Sam
be pleased then that a gentleman
in Manitoba has promised me
$1000 towards the establishment of
a Branch Home in that Province
His mind was thus made up by "Red Hot
Hot" – influenced as he says by
the Holy Spirit. It is as you may
think a great encouragement to me
& his friends. I am looking forward
to April and the visit to the N. West
next Spring – keep pain up for the
present my idea of going to England –

Yrs as ever

T. L. Wilson

2 Old Rev.
Lord Bp of Rupertsland

weak & sickly looking but is
now looking strong & stout – I
always measure & weigh all the
Indian children on the last night
of the old year – & V. busy
William got the "prize" of 50 cts
– boy grown 3½ in. & increased
in weight 13¼ lbs! Sam
sure Y. S. Sch. will take heart
after this!

Jam will Sam
sure be very glad then that a
gentleman in Manitoba has promised
me $1000 towards the Branch Home
in that Province – With best wishes for
the new year – Yrs sincerely T. L. Wilson

Jan 1st 186

C. J. McLean Esq.
Dear Sir

I am much obliged to you for yr letter of the 22d ult. but am sorry to hear that you have been laid by with illness. I feel quite hopeful after read yr list of subjects required for an Indian teacher. That 3 of our boys viz David Osahge, John Mappah, & David Menominee will be able to go up for examin

Branch Homes in connection with our Institution here & the Lault. One is then in Assiniboia one in Manitoba. One I propose to have on the St Clair River & one in the neighborhood of Lake Simcoe. each home to have accommodation for about 40 Indian pupils boys & girls. A good many of our pupils at present come from Sarnia, Walpole Island, Cape Croker &c, & it is a long way for them to come. The only other Institution that I know of are the Mohawk on the Grand River & the Mt Elgin at Muncey. & I am told I believe full.

Yr faithful
E. L. Wilson

ness [illegible] fair prospect of passing. I have spoken [illegible] & they seem to be quite encouraged about it — & I think we shall have one or two more lads to enter the preparatory class when they leave. Trusting again to hear from you about matters such subjects as were [illegible] of preparation for School teachers. Pray write again kindly let me know what will be the course to follow with our boys after passing teachers exam. Could they teach School say for two years & then pass the Model Class & the Normal School Exams on the same modified scale — & would they have to compete on equal terms with White pupils in order to pass to the Normal?

You will be glad to learn that in response to my "Ed. List Post" a Copy of which I sent you — a gentleman in Nassau has promised me £1000 towards the erection of a Branch Home in that Province.

I think it will help me if you felt so disposed were you to give me a few lines advocating the effort I am to establish four

Jan. 17th 80

The Secretaries
of the Col. & Col. Ch. Boards
Dear Sirs

I received yr
Communication of the 12th Nov.
discouraging my proposed visit
& England in Company with an
Indian boy next Spring. God
orders all things for us —
& I feel satisfied that it is best
for the present to defer the visit.
I am anxious to visit the
Church here in Canada on
behalf of the Indians before next

Jan. 17th 80

My dear Lord
I am still I am sure
we glad to hear that a gentleman
in Manitoba has promised me
£1000 towards the establishment
of the Branch Home in that
Province — He proposes that it
shd be somewhere between the
Assiniboine River & the Riding
Mountains. I am hoping soon
to receive the 2d letter which you
kindly promised & write me after
conferring with yr Committee.
Yrs very truly
Edward Ct. Wells

The Rt Rev.
The Lord Bp of Rupertsland.

any further appeal to England -

I have received so far - nearly $100 towards the proposed enlargement of our Shingwauk Home - & you will I am sure be pleased to read the following extract from a letter I received yesterday from a gentleman in Manitoba -

"I am willing to give $1000 to assist in the good cause; a few days prior to receiving your 'Red Letter' the subject came to my mind and was talked over in my family - [illegible]

the amount you ask for - Cause forcibly to my mind and I mentioned to my wife the desire to give $1000 towards an Indian Home or Industrial School. I feel it was the dictates of the Holy Spirit asking for a mite towards God's Cause."

The above gift of $1000 is intended for the proposed Branch Home in the Prov. of Manitoba.

I shall try & make a visit to the N. West (D.T.) next Spring & arrange for the sites of the two Branch Homes in Manitoba & Assiniboia

Yrs very faithfully
E. R. Wilson

No 7895

Ottawa 1st March
1886

The Honble
The Secretary of State
Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th ult. (No 7893) in reference to the establishment of four Branch Mints. I have further to state that a gentleman in Manitoba has promised me $1000 towards the establishment of a Branch Mint in that Province provided that it should be somewhere between the Assiniboine River & the Riding Mountains.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient Servant
Edward K Wilson

Jan. 2d 1885.

My dear Mr. Galen

I wish you & all our friends to assist you in your kind work a very happy new year — Our prospects have been lately much brighter of late — I hear from Mr. Martin that he has received a donation of £50 towards the Shingwauk Fund — send to you with bals in hand of £61-0-0. We have 40 boys now at the Shingwauk Home & 21 girls at the Wawanosh

While to the... was lighted — then it took an hour & a half to get the boys down & on the beach besides bags of candies — At 9.15 a.m. to Holy Communion — Went over to the Chapel for early prayer — The Indian children sang 'Christians awake' and 'Rock of ages' beautifully, in parts. Every one was delighted —

You will be pleased I am sure to hear that in response to my 'Red Lily Post' appeal a gentleman in Manitoba has promised $1000 (two) towards the establishment of a Branch Home in that Province — With my best thanks for all your kindness in helping us — Believe me ever sincerely yours

Edward F. Wilson

You will like to hear how we spent Christmas - On Christmas day we had service in our little Chapel at 11 - first & boys & employes all present - the Chapel beautifully decorated & looking very pretty - & the singing was very nice - the children take parts in one of the hymns - & have very sweet voices - & our Sch. master is taking great pains in training them. At 1 o'clock all the Indian children had dinner together in the Dining Hall - the tables all decorated with pines & a good supply of roast beef, plum pudding, tarts, cakes &c. - & then apples nuts raisins & candies covering all the vacant space between the plates. Servants dinner (cook & the matron) followed at 1.30. Our part upstairs only had a round about luncheon so as not to interfere with the feast going on below - Tea at 6.30 pm was our dinner upstairs.

Last Tuesday night was the Christmas Tree at the Fault to which I wanted to take some of my children and Indian boys - On Wednesday eve was the Christmas Tree at the Warwards Home. This was specially for the girls - but I took a few of the boys & my own children & we had a very pleasant part. Then - last night was our Christmas Tree here - 30 or 40 people drove out in sleighs from the Fault & we had a most successful gathering. We have three

Jan. 2nd 85

Rev. D. L. Boyer
Dear Sir

Kept it very
assisted with cards from
annual Subscribers - on refer
to our books find that the two first
names you mention $5.75 & 5.75
were duly received - so must apologize
for the mistake - The remittances
you mention of March '85 & Sept '85
are not yet received - so will you
kindly send a post card to the Cler.
Lec. - ask him to forward them on.
You will be pleased I am sure
to hear that a portion in Manitoba has
promised me $1000 towards the Brandon
House I am praying to establish there.
With best wishes for the new year I remain

Yours Sincerely
R. Miller

Record

A Plea for the Red Indians in Canada.

The disturbances which took place last Spring in the North West under the leadership of Louis Riel have drawn the attention of Canadians more than usual to the Indian question. What is to be done with the Indians? Here throughout this great country are scattered bands of Indians of various tribes, living for the most part on their own reserved lands, - their habits, occupations, language all very different to those of their White neighbours; they are forced to be our neighbors, we are forced to be theirs; feeling it our duty to do something for their spiritual welfare, we have with the aid of the great English Societies, established here & there missions among them, missionaries have been sent to them & day schools established, & quite a number of these people have been reclaimed from heathenism & their children instructed in the elements of Christian education. But time has gone on, years have rolled by, & now because these poor Indians have not made the same progress as might have been hoped of a colony of White settlers with the same advantages offered to them, the cry has in many quarters been raised that Indian missions are a failure, that money spent on improving & civilizing the Indians is wasted; Yea, some in this country even go so far as to say that the Indian nature is of so low & debased a type that it is utterly

of encouragement. It is low encouragement to a missionary who has spent the best years of his life laboring on behalf of these poor forest children, bearing with them in their inconsistencies, forgiving them their personal annoyances, aiding them when it might be said they did not deserve aiding, treating them kindly & tenderly as a father might treat his children, & be told that his efforts have been wasted & to be asked where are the fruit of all his labors! We believe that time sufficient has not been allowed for the vast change that is required to be made in the thoughts & principles and habits of these people before they can become assimilated to the ways of White people. We think it ought to be taken into account that the Indians as a people for generations past have lived in an utterly wild untutored state & that the seeds of this wild life must necessarily take a long period to eradicate; it ought not to be expected that even the whole time of one worker, however faithful he may be, should count for very much in the evangelization of a race whose evil tendencies have all the time been gaining strength for centuries.

We believe that a solemn responsibility rests on the shoulders not only of people living in Canada but of English people generally who are now enjoying in a great measure their wealth from these vast lands which were formerly the hunting grounds of the Indians. England is every year sending out her emigrants in thousands & many for themselves homes in our great

north west, & we think that England should care more for & take more interest in the welfare of her forest children who are driven away from their homes by the incoming settlers. We would put in a plea for those who have been bearing the burden & heat of the day, for those who have sacrificed many of the pleasures & advantages of life in order to throw themselves into the work of caring for & training these poor despised Indians. While providing for your own poor & helpless in your great cities you should remember the poor neglected Indians with whom your poor will necessarily come in contact when these & your generous help & have crossed the ocean & come & settled on the wild lands of this country. Men & women are to be found (and indeed it is but so there are) who will earnestly with their whole heart and soul, for the sake of the Saviour who died for us all, undertake the work of reclaiming & teaching these poor neglected people, who will go into the field that has so little that is inviting & encouraging who will bear with the peculiarities of temperament which is often so trying in the Indian character, who will put up with inconveniences which are to say the least unpleasant, often even revolting, who will endure trials & discouragements, will go forward on, cured their hands ought to be upheld, & cured their appeals for assistance in their arduous work ought to be responded to. Most earnestly do we pray that their people's hearts may be stirred within them to do as the good Samaritan did & help our work among the Indians in

Same kind hearted & Whole souled way that he did the
man by the way side, not for what will be gained, but
a simple duty which every Christian owes his neighbor.

The attention of your readers is called especially to
R of the Rev. E. F. Wilson - of Sault Ste Marie, Algoma,
who for the past 17 years has been working among the Indians
Western Ontario. Within this period he has succeeded
establishing two Institutions for Indian children which
been doing a good work. There are at the present
40 boys & 21 girls receiving a sound Christian
ing. Several of the boys have already gone out as school
teachers among their people, & others have learned trades &
e doing good in this way. It is now proposed to make
considerable extension of this work. The Institution
Sault Ste Marie which is called the "Shingwauk
one" is to be enlarged so as to accommodate 100 pupils,
also to have facilities for training native teachers & missionaries.
And it is proposed also, to establish four Branch Homes, at a cost of £1000 each
in Assiniboia, one in Manitoba, & two within the confines
Ontario. A gentleman in Manitoba has kindly promised
(two hundred pounds)
£200 as a nucleus sum towards the establishment of the
said Home in that province. Should any of your
aders be disposed to assist in this work their contributions
be thankfully received by the Rev. Prebendary Wilson, Vicar
Leicester. If intended especially for the enlargement of the
Shingwauk Home, or towards one of the Branch Homes, this should be
specified when the remittance is sent. — Correspondent.

The Bishop of Mr. Crompton

To the Editor of the Dominion Churchman

"Dear Sir

I most sincerely regret, as I am sure very many persons must do, this unhappy Controversy that has arisen between our good Bishop and Mr. Crompton. My only object in putting in a word at any rate is with the hope of God's peace of healing up the breach before it be further widened, and as one who was residing in the Algoma District before it was separated from Toronto & who has belonged to this Mission Diocese from its earliest infancy, I think you will allow me space for just a few words. And first as to Mr. Crompton. I do not think that Mr. Crompton can have any [illegible] for regarding me as any other than a friend, I do not think he can remember any word of mine or any letter addressed to him that has been other than friendly, and yet I must say this, as indeed I have said in a kind way to himself, that he has a sad habit of using very intemperate language & speaking both of and to his fellow clergymen in a way that I feel sure he must feel ashamed of & sorry for afterwards. I know that this was a cause of much grief to the late Bishop Sullivan. I know that this made the late Bishop Sullivan unwilling for Mr. Crompton to go to England as representative of the Algoma Diocese. I know also that our present Bishop has received letters from Mr. Crompton which I think no clergyman under any circumstances should ever have written to his bishop. It seems to me therefore, that taking all these things into consideration, I can quite understand

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willingness of our present Bishop that Mr Crompton
should go home as in any way a representative of the Algoma
Mission. Now Mr Crompton has been a great worker and
an indefatigable worker. We all acknowledge with much thankfulness
his good work. Under God's help he has been enabled to do, what many
an old established old settlers who will for many a year hold his
name in veneration as the founder of the Church among them. But
we all have our faults; & I doubt not Mr Crompton has often in
his quieter moments bitterly bewailed those faults into which his
natural impetuosity of temperament has led him. I think
I have said enough to shew why, in my own opinion, the Bishop
was not anxious for Mr Crompton to pay a visit to England.
Whether he acted wisely in withholding his salary I do not
presume to say; as matters have turned out there can be
no doubt I think but that it would have been better if the
money had not been withheld. We must all I am sure
feel ashamed that such bitter feelings should have been aroused
& such bitter words have been spoken. May Almighty God
pour over us the oil of His Holy Spirit and calm the troubled
waters. One word in conclusion for our Bishop. I feel
believe that it was under the direct guiding of God's Holy Spirit
that he must self conflict, that he decided 3 years ago on giving
up his comfortable quarters & large salary in Montreal to
go to Bleak Algoma; again that it was under the guidance
of the Holy Spirit, set his own desires on one side, that he
decided to tempt the Sons of Hurons. May then should any
unkind & unsympathizing at this late hour of the day

to Bishop Sweatman upon him and assume his proper
his own care and pleasure. Until in these days of travel
it must be known that there is at present practically no
means of communication between Sault Ste Marie & Muskoka
in the winter time, and that the most natural course for
a Bishop to pursue is to spend the summer months in
visiting & the winter months in Muskoka. This is the plan
that has been pursued from the first & for as long as I do
not see how it can be altered. Until a railway is built
this puts out of the question for the Bishop to remain
at Sault Ste Marie with his family for the winter. The fault
is not the Bishop's, but with those who fixed the boundaries
of his Diocese.

I remain yours faithfully
Edward F. Wilson

Rec'd Dec. 6 1905

Rev. Canon Macdonald
Toronto

Cheques as follows:-
No 1400 - Bank of Ham - 20-00
No 70575 - Bank of Com. - 50-00
No 10945 - Bank of Com. - 25-00
$97-00

Receipt of this amount please credit
to account.
Yours truly
Edward F. Wilson

Jan. 6 1886

Dear Dr. Renison

I wonder how you are getting on this winter – The Bishop & I thought we would be quite disappointed if the Necheyawin Indians not behaving better after all that has been done for them – I am sure you have great faith & patience with them – I realize

Sad. No letters from Archdeacon in the Indians. Our poor Bishop has a good deal of worry this winter – having been publickly attacked in the newspapers by Crompton of Muskoka –

Hope you got the Alg. M. news regularly & as near a little of Bishop's joy as in the Diocese – Join my kind regards to Mrs Renison & love to all yr children – May you have much blessing on yr work this new year – Yrs sincerely –

S. H. Wilson

(an Agent for £25 – this money which is 'trickled' into my hands from various sources for the Redemption Mission – I had thought of keeping it till I could get enough to buy a Harmonium – but then I thought perhaps you would be in need of it for something else. You will please hear that some gentleman in Hamilton has promised me a £100 to open and establish a Branch Home in that Province – You will see by the enclosed circular that it is that we propose if God will help us. We have had a very happy Christmas here – Our Chapel is beautifully decorated. Miss Meeker is back with us again this winter – living in the cottage where you used to live with Mrs. Pipes – and she

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Jan. 7 1806

Dear Bro Virgin

Enclosed are my thanks for your kind
letter, and inclosed is the cheque for £10 from Bro.
Simmins to be applied to the Renewal Chapel
with. If you approve we should like to
[illegible]
We are
want an organ but that is at present in the
[illegible] I think it will be best to [illegible]
[illegible]

I am sorry to say the primroses
did not grow but a few of the snow drops have done
well. The Bishop from [illegible] the Chapel & the
[illegible] of the little Cemetery looked very nicely last summer
We have our Chapel beautiful decorated for [illegible] and
every one admires the handsome altar cloth which
Mrs [illegible] made. Bro. Hall is very glad
to see Cliff back for boys & girls. Now that Mrs Leyland
Hall always goes [illegible] and most acceptable
We have 40 boys & present & 21 girls & have lost
[illegible] to establish a small Branch Room. [illegible]
in which has provided me [illegible] towards the one in the Premises

Yours very truly
Edward R. Wilson

Jan. 9 1854

Dear Sir

I am much thanks for your kind note & promise of help towards our Indian Homes — I enclose you a circular which will shew you how we look forward & pray & desire to extend our work — & I think you will be pleased to hear that as an early response to this circular our gentlemen in Manitoba have promised us £1000 (£200) towards the establishment of a Branch Home in that Province. I am dear

Jan. 9 1854

Dear Mr. Ball

I am much thanks for your kind note & arrangements for support of Indian girl for another year & £50 (transf. per J. Cayuga &c) towards our proposed Shipwreck Extension. I am afraid you feel disappointed about John Brown — but I still trust most earnestly that an answer to prayer he will yet develope into a truly earnest worker for the Saviour — I am sure you will feel with me that it is best not to hurry it — I am dear friend yours faithfully Edward F. Wilson

Indian Widows in Newfoundland Collection
Jan. 1854

Yours & the mail over of your last Annual Reports which will give you some idea of our work is - We have present 40 boys & 21 girls in our two Homes. The Rev. Mr. Bard has always been a good friend to our work - his former S. School - Ref[erring] to Lizzie, having supported an Indian child for more than 10 years.

The cost of a child is £10 per ann. for board & £5 for cloth. Many Sund[ay] Schools send us £10 in cash & supply cloth.

If a box can be sent to us early in Nov. off it is - if cloth is sent it will be forwarded to Miss Wilson 35 Highbury Place, Islington N. who always sends out several large cases in April.

I have a little boy named Peter Ne-gau-ne-we-nah requiring support - Would you like to undertake him - He comes from Ske-Ske-gwaw-ning on Manitoulin Island -

Yrs sincerely -

E. J. Wilson

Miss P. Bunbury

Jan. 8 1886

My dear Mr. Holland

Many thanks for your kind note & remittance of $10. I feel quite sure you will do all that you can for us as you have always done in the past. I was very sorry not to meet you when I was in Montreal but you were away in Ottawa. A gentleman in Manitoba has promised me $1000 towards my Brantford Church - Yrs sincerely G. L. Wilson

Jan. 8. 1886

Dear Mr. Gibb

I cy many thanks for yr kind contribution of $10 from Cons. Sund. School towards the Memorial Chapel - We are collecting for an organ & it shall be applied towards that. We had our little Chapel beautifully decorated for Christmas - The Chancel arch was filled with a Cat work made of Holly & retted tips & interlaced with green - & the words 'Christ

Jan 8th 86

H. ?. Biggin.

Dear Sir

Thank you very much for yr kind notice of our work in Edgington & one of yr papers - It will I doubt not do much good for it to be known that our work is in some measure appreciated locally where people have better opportunities than elsewhere of judging whether or not any good is being done -

I shall be obliged if you will reserve for me a dozen copies

Yrs very truly

T. L. Wilson

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to town" fastened with invisible threads - I enclosed you a card that you may see how one decorated the front - Kindly return it at any time when writing again - Perhaps Yr Sunday School will like any future contributions to send to go towards the organ - It will probably be some years before one pd. enough to make the purchase

Yrs very sincerely

T. L. Wilson

SHINGWAUK EXTENSION

Red Hot Shot No 2

A plea for the Indians of Canada and the North West.

A proposal to enlarge the Shingwauk Home at Sault Ste Marie, and erect Several Branch Homes in various parts of Ontario and the North West, and thus to do in an earnest hearty manner What ought to have been done years ago.

The title of this circular was suggested by a gentleman who, after hearing at a meeting an account of our work among the Indian Children and our proposals to extend that work, said, 'Why don't you fire a few red hot shot in among the Church people of Canada and tell them What you want.'

What Red Hot Shot No 1 has done

It was fired two months ago. The results so far are as follows: (1) $500 has been subscribed up to present time towards the proposed enlargement of the Shingwauk Home. (2) The following encouraging letter has been received from an perfect Stranger in Manitoba. "I am willing to give $1000 to assist in the establishment of a Branch Home in this Province;- a few days prior

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I am sorry you have not had to subscribe - came to my mind
it was talked over in my family. - I hasten to say the
amount you ask for came forcibly to my mind and
heartened my wife to desire to give £1000 towards
an Indian Home or Industrial School. I trust it was to
be the work of the Holy Spirit asking for a mite towards God's
work." (3) "Very kind letters have been received from
the Bishops of Rai Aghetta and Qu'Appelle and, so far, their
views & plans would be carried out for establishing
Homes & Schools in their Dioceses. The Bishop of Rai Aghetta
says, "I am convinced that the only hope of doing permanent good
to the native race is by the instruction of the children away
from the influences of their homes. I very earnestly trust that
the plans will be able to commence work in our midst
next year." (4) "The Bishop of Qu'Appelle, in his pastoral of March
last, after stating the present Indian Homes are situated, has
the following article in the views of both Bishops strongly advocating the
establishment of Industrial Homes and establishment of
Orphanages. He proposes that the townspeople should give
us a few more homes. Speaking of the work already done, & its
educational results obtained, it is only necessary to
visit the Industrial & Orphanage Homes, or to scrutinize the
progress of the boys and girls as they have to appear from year
to year, to ascertain the amount of good accomplished in this
direction."

Our plans in a nutshell

We want to raise, if God will, $75000 for the enlargement of
our present Homes so as to take 100 girls and the
boys to [illegible]

Indians. Next we propose, if possible, to establish
FOUR BRANCH HOMES, two within the Empire of Canada,
in addition, one in Manitoba, and one in Assiniboia.
Each of these Branch Homes will cost about $5000, and
we trust the Almighty God will put it into the hearts of those who
have means (as He has already done in one case) to give $1000
or a nucleus sum to begin with for each of these Branch Homes.
As soon as we receive promise of $1000 towards the erection of
this or that Branch Home, we shall regard it as an intimation
from God that the work is to be proceeded with.

How the Homes are to be supported -

When the Shingwauk Home is enlarged and these four Branch
Homes built, there will be say 200 Indian children altogether
to support. There are eight Dioceses (exclusive of Algoma)
in the Ecclesiastical Province, this gives an average of 35
Indian children to be allotted to each Diocese to be supported
from Sunday Schools. We next take the work of Caring for
the Indians and Colonists of Canada. GREAT SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.
We make no appeal of it but we hope to enlist the Sunday Schools
of the Churches provided for the Mission work, the support of
Bishops and Clergy of the Church of England, but that we have the
Sunday Schools, and in that case, with a grant from Government,
to a little help from the Synod in these Dioceses the Home
We are enabled that with God's help & blessing are [illegible]
work.

Accounts [illegible] shewed for (1) Shingwauk enlargement (2) the
Branch ones may be sent to Rev. R. H. Wade
[illegible] Rest, restore, and

Jan 15th 86

Rev W.A. Clair

Dear friend -

I delayed answering your letter of Dec 14th until I could get Alexander & Habazah to write a Ltr to their homes - which I now endose & am thankful to tell you that all the children & both homes are through God's mercy perfectly well - & all is peaceful & harmonious - We have recently begun a little bible reading for study; the Scriptures 3 evenings in the week - just for the elder boys & teachers - & I hope a blessing will follow. You will perhaps have learnt that I am taking steps to enlarge our Shipwreck Home so as to take 100 boys - & also to build 4 Branch Homes - one in Assiniboia, one in Manitoba, & two in Ontario. One of these Ltrs will perhaps be on the St Clair River & the other near Lake Simcoe. I wd like to hear what your Indians think about it, & whether they favour the scheme. A gentleman in Manitoba has promised me a $1000 towards the Branch Home to be built in that Province. I think the Holy Spirit put this into his heart - as he made up his mind to do this before he had heard of me - and a few days after he got one of my printed papers - in which

I asked if anyone would give $1000 to make a beginning. God is over all our works if only we will learn to trust him.

I would be glad to hear Peter Samuel Eunice & Jonas Frank will be prepared to come back to us in the Spring? I am afraid I can hardly afford to take Alberta & Eva Esquimaux as we have too many small girls at the Nawaan girls school.

The Summer Holidays will begin the same time as last year the middle of July - If Samuel & Jonas are coming back I should be sent up him in May - & I would like to know also if there are any new applicants.

I would like to take Eliza Esquimaux back if I were sure she would do well - but am almost afraid to try her again.

Yours sincerely -

E. F. Wilson

Give my kind regards to all my friends on the Island.

I have not received a copy of the Indian & am very glad not to hear it is lost.

Dear Madam

Jan. 15/86

Dear Madam -

Yours Received in V. with welcome of $2.50 from Class 27 Sabbath Sch, Jos. Cunningham Home - I wish I could be made to Land School understatter to support of an Indian boy & girl -

The kind donation of Mrs Thornton Howard Highwood Extension - was duly received - tho' a long time on the road -

The letter reached me Dec 23rd - and a day or two after I sent an acknowledgment to Mrs. Chamberlain as required but have not yet seen it in print - perhaps it will be in next week -

Jean will be glad I am sure to hear that a Sunbeam in Manitoba has secured me $100 towards the proposed Beaver Home in her Province. I enclose you a letter to Land School - to be mailed.

Yours sincerely
F. Wilson

Sent to "the Indian" Jan 16/86.

The Indian Homes - Sault Ste Marie.

The first Shingwauk Home was built in 1873. It was named after Augustin Shingwauk, the Indian Chief at Garden River. That Institution was only 6 days in existence: it was opened for use on Monday the 22nd of September 1873 and the following Sunday it was burned to the ground and entirely destroyed. But it brought good out of evil. Great sympathy was stirred up on all sides: in a years time all debts incurred in building were paid off and funds to re-building, and July 30th 1874 the foundation stone of the present Shingwauk Home was laid by the Earl of Dufferin. It is a handsome stone building with accommodation for 60 Indian boys and stands on the banks of the St Mary's River about a mile & a half below the village of Sault Ste Marie. The boys besides receiving a good education are taught trades, such as Carpenters, boot & shoe, blacksmiths, wood-turning &c. And some of them are prepared as School teachers. The School is conducted on Government principles and the Government School Inspector pays a visit twice a year. There is a preparatory class specially for preparing pupils for the Normal Teachers' examinations.

The Wawanosh Home is also a stone building; it was opened in 1879, and has accommodation for 40 girls. The girls receive a good education & are also taught knitting, & laundry work. It is called the Wawanosh Home after the old Chief Wawanosh who was living at Sarnia.

Indian Homes – Sault Ste Marie

Shingwauk Home for boys.
Wawanosh Home for girls.
Application for admission, stating name, age, & state of health must be made before the 1st of May. An agreement must be signed and witnessed by the Chief or Indian Agent or Missionary before a child can be admitted. Address Rev. E. F. Wilson, Sault Ste Marie, Ont. Revs pupils admitted the 1st of June. Summer vacation this year is from July 1st to Sept 7th.

Jan. 16 1878

Dear Madam -

There is no vacancy at present at the Wawanosh Home - In the event of there being one in the course of next Spring a summon - I shall be glad to hear from you Best certificate you hold, how long you have been teaching, Best schools you have taught, & Pattie you take a heartfelt interest in the advancement of the Indians & temporal & spiritual - As faithfully

J. H. Wilson

Jan. 16/78

C. Indn. Dept.

Dear Sir -

We beg your very kind support Black Pensacheans - did not return home after the holidays - I am much hope however this will not discourage Mr. Johnston from continuing to help us as heretofore - I will endeavour to take the former a little girl named Jennie Jacobs in place of Black - If however you prefer a boy then we cannot with support - I am sending you 25 copies of a circular letter & distribute among the P. Sch. Classes - Please let me have a remittance as early as convenient. Grand River is at present ravaged by the P. Schools as yet we have a considerable deficit

We remain Yours J. H. Wilson

Dec. 10/86

Dear Beaty Sr.

Dear Sir

As I am looking forward to establishing a branch Institution in the North West in connection with our Living Work Home & Industrial Mart, & hope to make a visit to those parts next summer — & shall take either one or two Orphan boys about 14 years of age with me. I want it to be as far as Regina again — but I hear of leaks pouring at various points on the road between Regina & Winnipeg — & we are very busy months. Could you not grant me a special ticket at reduced rate & count this. The last year I had conditions on which I [illegible]

Rules & Regulations for Mart —

Dec 10/86

Morning — Light & clean fires & attend to Mr Leal for the first week; — apprentices at 7 — Boys 7.15:

Assist to make & serve breakfast in the Class room & Mr Mitchell's room

After prayers assist Mr Leal with the rooms upstairs — & attend to Cowtan's room.

Help Boys to the dining room & have all kept tidy in the living hall

Afternoon do mending in the Class room.

Baking 3 times a week.

Mr Mitchell will preside at the meetings

All lamps are to be cleaned & filled by the boys.

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Jan 19 1885

P. Phillips Esq.

Dear Sir

As you have had some opportunity of judging of our work among the Indian children during the last few years - I will be very much obliged if you will send me a short letter saying what you think of our progress thus far - if you see any improvement in the children who have been with us - esp - Johny Maggard the Iroquois children & Stacy - also any suggestion as to how the Indians may be best induced to keep their children with us for the required time -

Don't make use of the letter in any way that I am not satisfied with - Perhaps you know Peter and Thomas are really doing any good or not - Would like to hear as soon as convenient to you

Yours truly

H. Pratt

(2 sheets of a large size letter)

March 1786

Alexander Hackelton Esqr

Dear Sir

I am happy to report that all is joy on well at our two Homes — I am [illegible] with a third of 2 or 3 boys. Both our boys have had a bad influence but had a good effect — Here is a nice earnest time among the boys now & I feel much more encouraged —

I want to ask you if you will kindly write me a short letter for publication in our Annual sheet (which I am now getting out) — saying what you think of our work thus far & if you see any improvement in the children who have been with us — also what you think of the proposal to establish Branch Homes — about 1 side of a street such as this will be plenty — & please send it at once —

Yours faithfully

T. L. Wilson

I sent a package of circulars, letters &c. to Lenoir, Caldwell Co. N.C. a day or two ago.

Sept 19/86

Dear Miss Jones -

Many thanks for your kind note & enclosure of $1.25 - proceeds of little boys bazaar for our Homes - & 35 cts for the hymnbooks - God's blessing is rest I think more than usually on our work - There are signs that the Holy Spirit is at work in our boys hearts - Last night one of my elder pupils came with glowing face to say - he wanted to tell me that he had given his heart to Jesus - I am very pleased

Yours sincerely
S. L. Wilson

Sept 18/86

Dear Mr Wood

Many many thanks for your kind letter & enclosures - I wish we had many more like minded helpers - May God bless the sermon & the $2 - & you & us & yourself - with his richest blessing -

I have been pretty engrossed of late with my boys - My last night one of my oldest boys came to me with glowing face & told me that he wanted to tell me that he had given his heart to Jesus - There is a wave of blessing I think coming over us - a more decisive earnest tone among the boys - & teachers too - & all working & praying together - God be praised

Yours sincerely
S. L. Wilson

Jan. 19 1786

Dear Sir —

I was much pleased with the contents of your letter — I wish it was in my power to visit your Establishment at the Indian reserve — Educated & civilized Indians appear to me to be the fittest to manage their own affairs — & we always depend on White people — As for myself I consider myself an Indian & identify myself entirely to the Indian Cause — & I want all who do really love the true good of the Indians & join with me — to improve the condition of the Indians in every way — I see that the head Indians through Ontario — like the idea of establishing Branch Homes — & place this on a better footing — I dont want to interfere at all with Mr Kerr — but a good understanding between us & the Correspondents — I should have any idea of establishing a new Institution in Town — I will please mine somewhere else — but I dislike the idea of their doing any thing of the kind — while I have the Field clear before us —

am much pleased with the print. Copies of the Indian
has just reached me & I think it will do much
have dont ken a little account of our work.
feel very much encouraged about my own work this
winter. I think getting rid of 2 or 3 boys who had a
bad influence has done good. There is a nice earnest
among the boys now. Many of them try to please &
love the Saviour. A few of us meet for reading &
says 3 evenings in the week, besides the Sun regular
We have an excellent teacher
Mr Watson. He is very musical. The boys are beginning
to beautiful in part. I wish you could have
heard them sing 'Rock of ages' in the Chapel after our
Sabbath tea was over. A number of the people from
Cault were present & they were all delighted. I
probably make a change in School teachers at
March next Spring. Mrs C. is a good teacher
but does not care as much for the Spiritual advancement
the girls as I would wish.
Will you kindly — direct you just this — send me a letter
for publication in our Annual Report (which I am now getting
ready) saying what you think of our work as far — whether the Children
are benefitted — (you might refer to the happy deaths of Joseph Kahgan
& Jackson) — Also what you think of the proposal for establishing
a new Home — about 2/3 of which will be
Yours sincerely S. H. Wilson

Jan. 19 1886

Robert Coulter –

I think it will be for the benefit of the Institution to keep you on if we can come to terms about your pay – I have been well satisfied with the way you have worked & am glad that you have taken an interest in the place & like the Indian boys –

My offer is to give you $15 a month for the 5 winter months Nov & March, and $18 a month for the 7 summer months April & October – on condition you remain with us for three years – and if there is any profit at the end of that time you shall receive a share of it –

If you agree to this please write me reply –

Yrs truly –

T. J. Wilson

I am sure you will like to hear about Chief Bukkwujjenene's visit to us this evening. He is the Garden River Chief who accompanied Peter Jacobs to England nearly fourteen years ago. When we finished this afternoon we were all at Choir practice in the Chapel, - he & I. He had sent his team home & that he was going to stay in town for the night. While sitting waiting for tea after we had finished he told us a story connected with his experiences while in England. A gentleman he said who seemed to think he knew a great deal about the Indians was speaking this evening about the Grave of the Ojebways & remarked that this, Management of the Lord... Bukkwujjenene could not understand all that was said as he knows little English, but he understood him to say that the Grave was cold and wet & the water flowing but the Ojebways' heads were just like Rock & that it was no use to talk to them. He then as he would not want his children to be treated in this manner, continued Bukkwujjenene, while I was sitting in the Chapel listening to the Indian boy's heart was rejoicing and responding & I do not think the Ojebways' heads are as stone! Bukkwujjenene had tea with Mrs Wilson, & after a smoke in the Office he was taken to the Chapel. The Chapel looked very pretty lighted up with its Christmas decorations. As some one remarked lately "It makes one feel good to be in the Chapel", the service is conducted reverently and heartily, every hymn & Psalm all joining distinctly in the responses & the Psalms & Hymns heartily joined in. We know not of such Church or Choir such as the Shinpawauk Chapel, Christ

[illegible] Chief conferred on some of the boys — One was named Ojauk — red stork, another was named Mongo-doong — yellow-head; a fat-plump boy (Jos Soney) received the name Keche-wa-[illegible]-gah-kogun — 'big bones', a little fellow was dubbed Poodah-daums, little [illegible]. Besaw was dubbed Poodah-daums, little [illegible]. We finished up the entertainment by apples scrambled in among the boys, then [illegible] cheers given for Chief Buttonwissiense, & [illegible], all [illegible] dispersed to bed.

Shingwauk Home
Sault Ste Marie
January 26th 1886.

Jan 22nd 86

Dear Joseph -

Yours received 21st inst. Sorry to hear of sickness of Mrs. Jones & children, are all quite well again. I wish it was in my power to help you in your matters, but it is a question entirely for the Council to decide. We cannot help you in any way. We have enough children of our own to look after — I will see Mr. Armour & Rock Lane. Clarke about the balance due to you, & the 3 months as soon as I can. Yours sincerely

Carl: 22d 1886 -

Dear Kim -

I shall be glad to hear from you
and know how you are getting along with
your school & Nancy's also - I do hope that you
may work & that God's blessing will rest upon
your work - We have had a very happy Christmas
here - All the children & both the Homes & are
thankful & very are quite well - We held
a Candid Christmas tree in the school room on
the 24th of January & a number of the people from
the Fault came out - When it was over
about 9 p.m. we all went over the Chapel &
had a short service which was very nice - All
the boys join well also in the service - the responding
is loud & all on one tone - & they sang a hymn
"Rock of Ages" in parts - It was very sweet singing

[illegible] Everyone was delighted — Two days ago we had Mr Pushkowitzjinene here for the night — He made a nice speech & gave Indian names & several of the boys who had us — go to him — also Mr Wotton & Mr Bidwell.

I wonder if you have heard that Isaac got Joseph's wife & 2 little children & the Wawanosh — He asked me to take them for the winter — so that his wife might receive a little education & is paying for them —

I want you to let me know all you can about Riley — Was he crazy with rum he died — What was done with his robes & goods — & how it was that he was buried by the Roman Catholics — I can hardly believe that he died a Roman Catholic in heart — as I think he really loved the Saviour While & the things of God & would not have given up the teachings of his life.

Write to me soon — Remain

Yr sincere friend

E. Wilson

A gentleman in Hamilton — has promised me $1000 towards erecting a Branch Home in that town.

Paul's Mains
Jan. 24 1886

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of your favor of the 22nd inst. with enclosed check for $25 — in payment of your subscription to the Journal of Education for the year 1886. Your name will be duly entered upon our subscription list.

Yours truly
E. L. Wilson

Jan 22/86

My dear Dr Anderson

Very many thanks for your kind letter — I saw a copy of the Journal of Education for the year — and send you 25 — (50 cts).

I have just written to the Mail to see if they will put that article in so that it may have a wider circulation — if not I will see what can be done about a reprint — I wish there were many Drs who took as much interest in our work as you do kindly do — Yours sincerely

E. L. Wilson

Jany 30th 1861

W. M. Plummer Esq

Dear Sir I see by the Pioneer that you
leave for Ottawa tomorrow Possibly you
may call on the Indian Department & could
kindly assist me, urging on the Department the importance
of the steps which I am proposing to take towards
support of our Peasant Civilizing here & establishment
of several Branch Homes -
I wrote to the Dept fully on the subject Nov 25th last
my letter was laid over until the return of Sir J. Ha-
villand - & I am now awaiting reply.
As proposed as I think you know is to spend
£7000 on the enlargement & improvement of the
present Chief Wards Home - & about £5000 on each
of the Branch Homes -
I think it would be only fair if the Department
would give £2000 towards improvement of the
Wigwams & £1000 towards each of the Branch
Homes -
[illegible] mentioned any sum - but if

it with the ... [illegible] ... right ...
Of the $2000 which I will be entitled to the Superintendent proposes that $1000 be expended entirely on the farm for fencing & draining — You yourself know & with the [illegible] on our farm is in — Instead of this means of support to the Institution it is simply a dead loss every year — because we have never had Capital enough to make it fit for cultivation — Could ... [illegible] ... who seems a very practical person says that $1000 or $1200 ought to be expended on it — & he believes that that the Institution could be mainly supported by it — It has also a bad effect on the boys & the Indians at this time to have the farm in the state it is — It ought to be a Model farm, for the boys to learn & to copy — but it is impossible this can be done without Capital — & this is not the sort of thing we can ask Synod, Schools & General Subscriptions & Contributions to —

I am about for another trip to the West — in May to choose sites for the Manitoba & Assiniboia Home & will be glad if the Dept will give me a small grant say $50 — towards expenses — Yours sincerely —

J. J. Wilson

Could you kindly put me up [illegible] handle to [illegible] in to or of a Communion Cloth.

Feby 1/86

Dear Mr. Wilson —

I have decided not to go to England this Spring — as the Society in England is unwilling to pay expenses & I cannot afford it myself — About the middle of May I expect to start on another trip up the North West — A Gentleman in Brandon has promised me $1000 towards establishing a Branch Home in that Province — I shall try & choose such a site for that Home & the one in Manitoba. What do the Indians say about having a Branch Home on the Birch River — Have you yet asked them about it —? Do let me know — When he is a little older — I hope you will give him home this spring at the Prince Albert Home — It is not likely they will take him into any White family unless he was first trained & taught English —

Yours sincerely —

J. McLean

We have got Mrs. Sequoia's little boy at the Prince Albert

Feb. 1/86

Rt. Rev. Bp. Robertson

Very many thanks for yr long kind letter which Bp. Wilkinson read & sent on to me. I have much pleasure — It was indeed a great joy to find you were opening up our way for a more extended work — I have been much surprised & pleased by Bp. McKim himself — that there is at present no training institution for Indian Children in Diocese — It will be a very great pleasure to me if by God's help I can succeed in doing any thing to assist in this way — I was much pleased to hear that a Neighbor of yours had promised me £1000 towards a Church Institute in Manitoba — Does not mention his name as perhaps he may not wish it — I do not start westward

Dear Mr Ogilvie

I am sorry to have missed you when I called at your office this morning, but I was obliged to leave town by the early train. I am now on my way to Ottawa, and shall be back in Winnipeg on Saturday evening. I will call on you then, and we can discuss the matter further.

Yours truly,

[illegible]

Feb. 1/82

Dear Mr. Hendrickson -

Many thanks for your kind letter with $22.00 just received - It is really very kind of you to do so much to help us. The last week I was having a talk with Mr. Miller and Mr. Johnny Mc Laughlin - & he said he was like to stay at school instead of be a Normal teacher - he is young at present - but I fear they are like him - & he decides to his parents - he may yet turn out a useful man - which I am sure you will be glad of - I expect to make another trip to the N. West in May -

Yours sincerely
C. H. Wilson

Feb. 1/82

Dear Mr. Hendrickson -

I fear I must be missed up about Mr. Wilson's I cannot call to mind having told you to transport him - Could you send me word when it was & I will write to you or you to him - He has passed his examination (Mr. Freeman's Class Mr. Jones's Toronto - last autumn) as a third class P. School if he would undertake his entire transport - His friends have not yet decided on - In the mean time I am sending you the 2nd Annual Report - If Whitcis not at home up to Mr. Jas's Toronto - I shall be very glad if you will take his transport - Thanking you for your kindness to boy -

Yours truly
C. H. Wilson

Land Office

Feb 2nd 1846

Dear Sir

I have just received your letter of the 7th ult. Covering Cheque for £44 : on account of Support Road - Approach - for which many thanks - I understood from Mr. Shaldwood that the L. S. Road was undertaken the entire support of the boy - date from the time of my visit - I should be glad to understand clearly about this as it may not be right on our ledger - There is also £90 - contributed during the last 3 years still in the hands of Mr. A H Campbell. Mr. Campbell said he would hand it over to us as soon as he received an order from you to that effect -

I am faithfully
Yours
T. T. Wilson

Feb: 2nd 46

The Treasurer
Board of Commissioners
Colborne

Sir

Please credit my Survey of Road account with enclosed Cheque £150 - & enter interest before returning the book -

I am
Yours
T. T. Wilson

No. 24319 - 2nd Dep. Cheque £150

Jarden River
Feb 25th 1886

D. Van Abbott Esq
Sir — I have received your reply
to my last communication in which you mention having
received a letter from S. C. Dawson Esq M.P. Who has
promised to forward my matter with the Govt. Deputation
& if possible help it to a settlement.

There is the meantime I address a few more words
to you so as to make plain what I have already said.
The Indians are not happy as matters are at present.
We feel all the time that we are not justly dealt with, and
that the treaties made with our forefathers were
faithfully kept by the White people.

When Columbus first landed in America there were Indians
all over the Country in great numbers. At that time they
were all well off. There was plenty of game of all kinds,
the rivers were full of fish, old people lived to a great age, as
there was scarcely any sickness. The White people who
came with Columbus made treaties with the Indians & gave
them presents. These treaties were faithfully kept for a
number of years: — but in time the White people grew strong
& the Indians became weak. A small pox & other kinds
of disease which had never troubled our forefathers came in
amongst us. Our people died. We became reduced in
numbers. And the White people all the time became more
powerful & strong. And now, in the present day, you
see the White people spread all over the Country. All the best
parts of the Country are taken by the White people, & all the great
towns & cities. We Indians are not remembered
that this land was ours, & we are treated as if we

wields. which the White people build below the Indians
All the wood they use is taken out of the Lands which the
great Spirit gave to the Indians. When we think of these things
our hearts are sad. We know also that there is money
locked away somewhere which belongs to us, — which was
promised to us, & which we ought to have. We don't
know where it is, but we know it is somewhere. You
who know about these things, all know that there is money
somewhere which by right belongs to us. We have known
this for the last 20 years. We think we ought not
to live in our present state of poverty. Our hearts
are heavy about it. We remember the promises of
friendship which your ancestors made with our
ancestors, — and we want these promises renewed, we
want those treaties renewed, — we want to receive the
money which we know ought to come to us — so that
there may be once more a firm friendship established
between ourselves & the White men.

I am Sir
Your obedient servant
Augustin X Shiswan

I have read over the above carefully to the Chief,
& keep it to exactly what he intended to say —

R. L. Wilson

Feb: 6th/86

Jas. G. Roswell Esq.

Dear Sir

I have just received your letter of the 25th ult. & am as you may imagine a little disappointed that the Archdeacon should be [illegible] on our Scheme. I think it a decided mistake to ask the Ind. Department to pay the whole cost of erection & maintenance. It defeats entirely my own idea which is to arouse the Church to action in the matter & to teach people that it is their bounden duty before God & man to care for their poor neglected Creatures. My idea in the establishment of these Branch Homes is to monopolize the Industrial Schools Hospital Canada & let the Industrial School Children support all the individual Children. (For there will be adoptions) as they for the most part are supported now the Children that we have. I am not surprised at the "kicks". "Kicks" always come

& we must respect them. I am satisfied that God has called me to extend my work — just as you believe & God put it into your heart to give that £1000. We have now to wait to see how God will open the way for us. Your £1000 must be expended in Manitoba — not in Canada. & if not brought up immediately then keep it & some one else. I am quite satisfied to leave it all in God's hands. God has opened my way for me thus far & he will continue to do so. I have just written to the Bishop of Rupert's Land. & have told him that I want £100 for the Indians of Canada & £100 Barnardo is asking for the waifs & strays of London. If he wishes me to extend my work into his diocese I will do so, & if not I will go elsewhere. I am waiting for another visit to the North West — to start about May 15th & then one Indian lives with me. it will be best for Big Ish Crow & the other Cattle boy (if you kind me) to wait & come back with me then. Dr Watson — a neighbour I think of yours — has kindly asked me to go there & see the Indians in that neighborhood — How is it that two prospective Bishops — living so near together as you & the Bishop elect do not have written to me on the same subject just at the same time. So now God's hand is plain.

Yours sincerely
E. F. Wilson

Many thanks for the kind offer of the Cattle boy — but I am not quite sure.

Feb: 6th 1880.

My Dear Lord

Lord Bishop of Rupert's Land

My dear Lord

I am just heard from Mr Pinkham at Beulah who has kindly promised £1000 towards a Branch Home in your Diocese. He says he has had a visit from Archdeacon Pinkham - has been informed by him that steps are being taken to induce the Indian Department to build centre of support an Institution in some part of Manitoba - enquiries from which he says that Mr Archdeacon is not in favor of my scheme to establish a Branch Home. This probably also has to do with your delay in answering my letter. Which you said you would follow two weeks after you first one. Although I

my address [illegible] as favorable [illegible] scheme & we
encouraged by [illegible] opinion — I [illegible] that it was unofficial
[illegible] sent & do not [illegible] it as in the least binding [illegible]
any line of action — If you prefer that no further
steps be taken towards the establishment of a Branch
[illegible] in your Diocese I am quite ready to withdraw —
& the same [illegible] my own impression is that it is a
mistake & ask the Government to concentrate all its efforts
on [illegible] — When the Indian work is so
wide — & it would surely be better to have several
institutions doing about — each of them [illegible] support
Government — but mainly kept up as we ours here
with the Land & the Contributions of Industry Schools —
whether or not I am permitted to place a Branch
Home in Manitoba — I intend if possible to [illegible]
the Church Schools throughout Canada on behalf of
Indian work — & I think I have a good chance
of doing this as the S.P.G. & the Church Schools
will help me take any great interest in their Indian
[illegible] — I look forward to God's help to do
the same kind of work among the Indian children
of Barnardo is carrying on so successfully among

to raise Orphanage of London - I feel sure of two things in regard this work (1) that a work of this kind can be carried on more economically & successfully by a number of Homes all linked together - than by Several Institutions working entirely distinct one from the other (2) that unless you get a man entirely devoted to Indian work - tried & meet & overcome the many difficulties & trials with which such a work is necessarily attended it is not likely to be a success.

I feel convinced that Almighty God has put it in your heart to extend this work among the Indians - I cannot but regard this munificent offer of Mr Roswell & your Sister towards the establishment of a Branch Home in Manitoba as an indication of Providence - The way will I doubt not open in the Lord's time. Shall God willing forward to make another trip to the North West about the middle of May - & I would like very much to

have an interview with you should you be remaining about that time.

I think one thing ought to be understood about Indian Homes here — They are not distinctively Diocesan. The work was begun before any Diocese of Algoma was in existence — & we have always taken pupils from the Dioceses of Huron & Toronto as well as from Algoma. I think it a mistake to confine such a work as this to one Diocese. Mr Roswell says that if our proposed Branch in Manitoba is established he will give the $1000 to our Homes there. At the Least — but this I would not wish. The desire of my heart is that Ton poor Indians of the North West — for whom so little at present seems being done — should be benefitted — Whether Church or Lunatic instrumentality or that of Nuns —

Hope soon to hear from you —

Remain my Lord

Yours devoted —

J. D. Wilson

Feb. 1878.

Messrs Roswell & Hutchinson

Dear Sirs —

As my Report is read I am send it to you without awaiting P. ... proof. It will be I suppose 8 or 10 pages more than the last one — & I would like it put up in the same style. I would like to know that you will print me 1500 copies full & 1000 copies abridged. Please get it out as speedily as possible — & send me proofs as soon as ever you can get it ready —

Yours truly

Edward T. Wilson

Mr. Wm. Hallam

Sir

I enclose you Cheque

for $100 - (No. 4261, Sale, C. Bk of Com.)

with which please credit my a/c -

Yrs. Resp.

T. L. Wilson

Feb. 10/86

Wm. H. Lennon

Sir

I enclose you three

Cheques in amt of yr acct -

Yr. No - Imperial Bk — 15-00

" " 285 - Imperial Bk — 10-00

" " 286 - Bk of Montreal — 7-60

$32-60

Kindly acknowledge —

Yrs Truly

T. L. Wilson

Summer - & I may not be able to get a musical man in his place.

If you think the idea a feasible one - will you kindly let me know what would be the ways - & about what the cost - & be of start in undertaking

Yours sincerely
S. E. Wilson

If you happen to know of a good schoolmaster who would do for me will you kindly advise me - he must be Church of England & able teach singing & play harmonium & hold 2d class certificate - Salary at present is £250 & board - but I feel sure shall have to raise it to £300 shortly

Feb 11

Dear Sir

Yours received [illegible] the [illegible] advertisement [illegible] Harmonium (about [illegible] Notification) to be [illegible] with [illegible] Church [illegible] Lincolnshire [illegible] Will [illegible] Organist [illegible] Salary [illegible] Duties [illegible] Sunday [illegible] Practice [illegible] Rehearsal [illegible] Choir [illegible] Will [illegible] Organ [illegible] Application [illegible] Testimonials [illegible] Stating [illegible] Name [illegible] Address [illegible] Yours [illegible]

Rev. C. Pelly

Yours sincerely
S. E. Wilson

Feb 24th/86

R. H. Raymond Esq.

Dear Sir -

I ought before this to have let you know that Mary Williams for whom I was a writing in reply for admission to the Institution is dead -

I am writing now to ask your opinion as to the desirability of employing a blind person at the Institution here to teach basket making -

It has struck me that the Indians have a natural aptitude for that kind of work & that it might be well to employ & establish basket making as an industry - Another thing is we want to have a good musician on the Res - able to teach singing - & to play an organ or harmonium in our Church - At present the School master does it but he leaves us in the

Feb. 22/86

Dr Barnardo—

dear Sir.

I have been reading Ryle's Day which you so kindly sent me & the thought has struck me that perhaps you could help me in my work here. I am in want of strong active Canadian lads about 19 or 20 years of age — one as a shoemaker & another as a Carpenter. We have Boot & shoe & carpenters establishments in connection with my Institution at present but places are vacant. We cannot afford to employ a first class hand & teach. & besides how is he to work & keep a regular mechanic constantly at work. To the boys I have employed many Indians who have been brought in & from. My men do not like working & fail to put well & do the work needed & teach

If you can send me out two such lads as I want I will bind them to me for 5 years — & I will give £15 a-piece — and for work for the first year £10 to each & find them — that is on condition that they have been at the trade at least 3 years before coming to me, — also I will require them when trade is slack to be willing to assist me in the summer & gardening & in Winter to chopping in the Bush. also to obey the rules of the Institution such as not being out at night — attend church regularly. & to attend evening classes &c so to keep up their due class. I could not afford to pay their way across the Atlantic as our funds are very low — but I will pay their way from Toronto up — the work will be chiefly job work for the Institution & trade customers — and do not do as a rule take in outside work.

I should also like to hear of a good schoolmaster you know of one — who must be Church of England who can play & sing & play the harmonium well. well up in Algebra, Euclid & Arithmetic — with a little Classics. Salary £50 & board — & half passage paid if stay for 3 years — & £100 a year & board for two more

Yours truly
S. D. Wilson

Letters must be here by May 15th.

Feb: 22/83

Dear Sir

In reply to yours of the 16th
inst: I have given notice in this Dist.
Juvilles notice for March 3rd. as altho' he is a
highly educated man - he evidently has not the qualifications
necessary for a schoolmaster - & has failed in obtaining
satisfactory attendance. I know of no one
just now to fill the place - except Mrs Seaman,
residing at present with Mr. Cunningham - who has
applied to me for the post. After next July
we may have one or two pay Indians available
- that is - if they succeed in passing the examination.

Yours faithfully
J. L. Wilson

Benjamin Pine has a permit from Mr. Vrooman last year
& brought a school recommendation for 6 months - at present day & Sf -

No 7896

Rec'd 22nd 1887

Supt Indian Affairs
Ottawa

Sir

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 9th inst. (No 38,844) in reply to mine of 25th ult. last year - unsatisfactory attendance of pupils at the Birtle Boarding School.

You express surprise at the despondent tone of my letter of that date in comparison with the hopeful tone of my Report to June 30th last - I may mention that at the time of writ my Report there were 21 absentees from the School, & that number was reduced by the return of two of the runaways & them present was brought to bear upon them & 3 others at Manitou sent back by the Parents. The Report in November there were 17 absentees, which was exceedingly disappointing - especially as 3 of that number had stolen Rigs and absconded. I therefore feel about the matter has been the same throughout

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ing that in the education of the Indian children there is every reason for encouragement, but that there being no means compelled the parents to keep them a sufficient time at the Institution is very discouraging. and I wish the latter could in some manner be remedied.

I desire to thank you for complying with my request and instructions to the Indian agents at Walpole Island Sarnia in regard to articles stolen from this neighborhood by the 3 boys who absconded, & I may mention that there is a report among the boys here that the sail boat stolen from the American side here is now at Walpole Island. This I think ought to be enquired into.

I hope the Dept will instruct the Indian Agents to enforce the payment of Indians for clothing taken away by children who have left the Institution contrary to agreement as the Dept has already in several cases had a salutary effect.

I have the honor to be Sir
Your obedient Servant
S. H. Wilson

No 7897

Feb 22 / 81

To Dept Genl
Indian Affairs

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of Feb 18th (No 6403/14) in reply to mine of Nov 26th last - re - Shingwauk Extension & proposed Branch Homes in Ontario and the North West.

I am also to state that in that letter - "Industrial Schools or Homes are now being established in the North West" - May I ask the information as to whether it is the intention of the Department at once to erect and maintain one or more Industrial Schools for Indians in the Provinces of Manitoba & Assiniboia, - if so when they are likely to be completed & in whose charge they will be placed. Alas, - if in the meantime I should succeed in establishing an Industrial School in either or both of those Provinces, at a reasonable distance, say 200 miles, from the School

establishing by the Department, might I expect any
assistance from the Department towards building and
maintenance. I have already advised
Department that I have received promise of $1000
towards the establishment of a Brandt Institute in
Manitoba and I purpose making a visit there early
in Spring with the view of choosing a suitable site.

If the Department has not finally determined
on undertaking the entire expense of establishing &
maintaining one or more Industrial Schools for Indian
children — I would like to suggest that in my opinion
grant in aid say of $1000 per annum to each
of Protestant Industrial Schools, (not) 200 or 300
miles apart from each other over that vast territory
would do more good than $5000 expended by the
Department on the maintenance of one — it would
enlist in the denominations, who already have missionary
work among the Indians, each to try & establish one
more Industrial School. For myself I am prepared &
will do all my energies & the work, but I want some encouragement from
Department — and I have thanks I am Dear Sir Yours truly S. D. Wilson

SMITHSONIAN LIBRARY

Feb. 23 '86

Dear W. Hale

I am returning Y. Dakota Grammar by — as you said you would want it by 1st of March. I am afraid the edges are a little soiled in. I tried to keep it as clean as I could. I have written out of the gram. out twice. once in Smithsonian style & once my own way. I have also got out a full vocabulary of accented words so am now pretty well set up & I think could go ahead & voice for myself & make myself understood. I am exceedingly obliged to you for the use of the grammar. Dear Brother, I begin at Cree. Many many thanks for writing so full in reply to my last. I am afraid you will think me rather dogged that I still hold to the opinion that an English orthography would be of more practical use to the Indians & English people than a scientific one framed on the Athabasca basis. In regard to the Indians I think we must remember that they

have literally no literature of their own & are a scattered & dying out people. Their only object in learning to read must be with a view to making use of English literature. For that reason I propose to use the vowels & letters single or double the sound that they most commonly have in English. & to spell words in the way that common English readers would be most likely to spell the words as pronounced by them by the Indians. 'Qu' at your suggestion I erase entirely, certainly there is no need for it.

I think, altho' you may entirely differ with me in my views on this subject, you will acknowledge a common sense in my proposal. Nevertheless I will say that if once one common orthography can be agreed upon and adopted for all the Indian languages in Canada — on whatever basis it is framed — I will most gladly adopt it. In the meantime I shall do my own private work on the plan I have proposed for the next year or two. I do not expect to publish any thing for some time to come & hope that an orthography may be decided on before I do so. Many thanks for your copy of the Standard Orthography which I shall much like to see —

Yours sincerely E. F. Wilson

Feb 25th/86

Dear Miss Cunningham -

I am very much distressed about the fish running away - I only trust that they may not have come by several runs. I think it will be best if you will kindly this morning - drive out to Hawkinsville & visit all the half breed houses in the place & see if you can hear any of them - Mr. M. will in the mean time drive out as far as Pearsons - & this afternoon I will go again to the American side - You can perhaps send me word by Mr. Mitchell what the result is of your visits. As it is so near the first of March it may be well for me at once to say that I propose making a change to the 1st of June as I think it will be better for the fish to have an older and more matured & experienced person to take charge of them - You must not think that I have any fault to find in your management - indeed I feel grateful to you for the care you have taken of the fish - Yours sincerely -

S. H. Wilcox

is high to put the Indian Department to [illegible] the Whole expense of establishing an Institution in that Province - in which case my humble services may not be required - My only desire is to be led guided by God in the matter - If God has work for me to do there I will try by his grace to do it - if it be this will not Mrs Otis should do the work - I am glad that it would be - The only [illegible] is that she done with the Bible which Mr Pentecost has presented - as I pass it to me I have it for my work here if the Manitoba Colony fails through but I do not think that will be right - It ought to be employed I think in the North West

I am now making arrangements for another trip to the N. West this Summer - & Bro Pierce proposes to write me - and then we will talk about it - I would like to have an interview with Bro

Dec 26/86

Dear Lord

I send drift of part I have been writing
[illegible] about Cree language - have written out a
grammar & vocabulary in manuscript - I wish
[illegible] may [illegible] Cree Indians
can read I begin (etc) with Cree - would hope by time
I reach Ennu that language as I have print & Cree
now it will not be so difficult as Cree is of the same
[illegible] Ojebway Dialect is totally different
but this is with the view of reading and talking to the
North West if God will, this summer - I propose
this time to [illegible] one Indian boy or girl with me who will
be a Constant & talk me Cree - but I
request the [illegible] obtained by a Christian lad with grey hairs
dressed [illegible] work - by name Rev. Peter
[illegible] Rev. Henry Jacobs, native
[illegible] Moose Factory, Hudson Bay Diocese -

Could you kindly suggest how I may most hospitably fill
those Visits in your Diocese — By any arrangement
with your two Bishops to try & do something for our
Indians — & let them know that I want their friend-
ly aid — & sympathy & prayers — If the Lord will do this
for us — If any of them are willing to give up their children
to be taken back 2 or 3 of them to the Institution (I
have already two nice boys from Manitoba) — &
by so doing we may perhaps decide on a site for
a Proposed Branch Home. You will see by
enclosed Circular how far God's blessing has
crowned us to the present.

I think of leaving home about May 20th — & must get back
again by the first week in July — I would like to spend
half the time in your Diocese & half in Manitoba
& your knowledge it would be best to come to you first or
Manitoba first? Would it be better to make Qu'Appelle
a centre this time as Regina so last summer — Lastly
any kind friend take Miss Pigot in for a little while
it would be a very pleasant companion — & will be put-
ting out any — but a Fare is going to her own private expense
She knows no one & I have no possible — Miss Pigot has been
very a Godsend to us all winter — Dear Mrs. Bedford Jones
Yours devotedly Edward F. Wilson

Feb 27th/86

J. McCelvey Esq
Indian Agent Wallaceburg

Dear Sir

I enclose you an extract from our Rules which have been approved by the Indian Department having regard to the attendance of pupils at our Industrial Schools — & shall be much obliged if you will kindly keep them in your Office — & endeavour to induce the Indians & their Children to — & abide by them —

I also enclose a list of Children belonging to your Reserve who are either with us or ought to be here their Parents having signed agreement to that effect —

The following are at present absent from our Institute & against their names I put the amount of dr Collected from the Parents for Children taken away —

From the Parents of these Children one more class of the Children sick. Will you please see each of these Parents & obtain the Doctor's certificate of their

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...ce immediately on Deniz of Navigation or by ...nances. If by proper dog the Matter, the names of the Children will be removed from our books & Schools be Open & receive new applications (on the ...w rules) & fill their places.

I shall be much obliged if you will kindly ask the ...esiding School Inspector to name to you such children as he thinks may be fit to be Protitute – either ours or Francey Town – & then ascertain from the parents ...Letter by with & send them – & so keep a list of applicants on hand –

Following is a List of the Children who are away & present contrary to agreement signed by the Parents –

Alex Bird	aged	15	Value of cloths	4-80
Edward "	"	11	"	4-50
Joseph Sampson	"	14	"	5-50
McKenzie Randee	"	14	"	3-50

The two last boys together with Jackson Kahgan of Lennie ...ave also been for the following stolen articles – Canoe $5, and ... new pair of pants $2.25 – There was also a sail boat ... from the Americans Side valued at $30 –

Yours truly

Edward D. Nicholas

No 7898

Regina 7th

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge your communication of the 2nd inst. (No 38.824) relating to the Act of August 25th 1882 & the subsequent letters & circulars & memoranda &c of Industrial Indian Schools.

Since your letter bearing date Feb 8th approving of the proposal to enlist the services of the Indian Agents in selecting suitable pupils for our Homes & seeing to their returning punctually after the holidays &c — I have carefully read the ~~proposed~~ enclosed rules — & have furnished a copy to each Indian Superintendent from Qu'Appelle as have been receiving children.

I am afraid from what Mr. W. G. Plummer (who has just been to Ottawa) says — that the Department has been loaded too much & almost ridiculously so. Departures from pupils have absconded from Institutions or have failed to return. (Mrs. Cattle) — My object in doing so was with

one of remedies an evil - & I hope that the steps which I have proposed take & which the Department will have the desired effect.

I have in frequent communication both with the Rev. Mr Shepherd of the Mount Elgin Institute, & with the Rev. Mr Ashton of the Mohawk Institute - & have yet to have the same trouble as we have had in securing (without force) the attendance of pupils who had absconded from or left before time the Mt Elgin Institute - but now I have an understanding with Mr Shepherd that I will not admit any of his runaways & he will not admit any of mine -

I think if the matter be settled as I have proposed & an arrangement be made between the Institution at Wikwemikong & the Mount Elgin & our two Homes here at Sault Ste Marie for the last 10 or 15 years - it will be found that we have had a larger number of pupils boarded & educated in proportion to the Government grant than either of the above named Institutions - I feel therefore that the Department seems to be disposed & support me now but I am proposing to continue my work -

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Obedt Servant
Edward F. Wilson

I shall be much obliged if you will kindly report for the next year?

NORMAL SCHOOL
SAULT STE. MARIE
ONT.

March 10th 86

Sir

Please send Bells

to

Will you please send me a Catalogue & let me know what you can supply me with for £ 6 or £ 8 pounds weight bells. The heaviest I require is 300 lbs. for Country places — If we could get such a peal hung here & put up for a sum not exceeding £ 500 I think I could raise the money for it — Our Chapel which is a very pretty one — is on the Banks of the head of Mary River — & I think a peal of bells on it for a few tunes to be played — would be very pretty just over the river bank. We should have to put up a separate belfry as there is only a small bell turret over the Chapel. Would you let me hear from you by return

Yours truly
Rev Edward F. Wilson
Principal

March 18/86

Dear Bro. Polston

I have just received yr letters of the 5th & 8th inst. & have given this P.O. yr the one you enclosed to me. Many thanks for Br. Williamson's address. I am a little doubtful at present about my trip to the N. West as I hear the Govt contemplates erecting one or more Industrial

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Sault Ste Marie
March 16th 1886.

P.S. Talented persons with a present what they may gain by their talents & God — why should not the money taken at the concerts be divided between them & them each one could if he wished [illegible] The same rule might be applied

help for our work. Will not some kind Sabbath Schools & Bands not yet helped our work devise themselves in this manner during Lent? — I have about $750 so far towards the proposed enlargement of our Shingwauk Home, & want $6250 more. We are also taking steps towards the establishment of several Branch Homes at different points. It seems a great work, but it is only a little thing in the sight of God & He alone knows & He can put it into the hearts of his people to give. I do not want Bazaar money or Concert money but money given with a pure motive for God's service.

Yrs truly
E. F. Wilson

Sault-St-Marie
March 18/68

Dr. Mr. Hallam

Dear Sir

I wrote you on Feb. 18th enclosing cheque for $5100 the Hon. Dr. Credit - Kindly let me know if you have received it also balance of $ - as last was due - Said bill remit for by

Yours Truly
E. Wilson

for Indian children at their own expense - in this case by advice may prove, will be needed. I am waiting to hear from the Bp. of Rupert Land & Bp. Anson before deciding on my movements - & will write again by the time - If there is not room in the neighborhood as we had thought of doing - I shall certainly avail myself of your so kindly offered hospitality - I had the boy named this back 3 or 4 little Indian children & our Homes here - And the parents be will that they come - I have already promise of one little boy - Elijah Cross son Dr. Roswell of Brantford takes an interest in - If you hear of any Stuart - Bride a boy - about 10 or 11 years of age will you kindly let me know

Yours Sincerely
E. Wilson

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March 18th/86

Dear Sir

Yours of the 15th inst. just received & am glad to hear Jack is quite well & that Francis - He is learning waggon making & is getting on well - He told me on Thursday he was not at all home sick now - & liked being here. S. Walbourne has been a little sick with boils in his neck - but has not been obliged to keep in bed - & is now nearly well -

Sylvester Keeley is well & strong & seems very happy.

Maria Jackson is as well & fat as ever & getting on well with her lessons -

Mary Ann & Alice are also doing well - Mary Ann seems to be picking up & getting along much better -

We have had a very healthy winter - We have been singularly free from sickness all the children are well & very happy - All the children

Yours sincerely

S. H. Wilson

SOCIÉTÉ DE L'HISTOIRE DE SAULT STE MARIE

Brand. 18/88

Hon. Oliver Mowat
Dear Sir

I wrote you from Winnipeg 18th Oct. saying that I proposed making a trip again to the North West this summer as I did last summer & visit the Indians & do missionary work among them -

I propose making journeys at Red Deer, Portage, Winnipeg - Elkhorn - & Broadview - my extreme point being Qu'Appelle.

The party will be -

myself - Mrs Pidgeon - & Thomas Jackson (an Indian boy aged 15) -

The trip to be done within 2 months (May 20 - July 20)

You will very greatly oblige me - if you can procure me a special ticket at reduced fare for this expedition - or alter an "Explorers ticket" so that it will cover that I want -

and rest will greatly oblige Yours truly

Rev. Edward R. Wilson

March 18/76

Yr letter has been so long time coming and only reached me today - Thanks for the $25 - I will give Annie $5 + credit her with $20. Annie never gave me any of the money that she brought with her - I will tell her that you want her to pay it - Since the little baby died she has been able to attend much better to her school work + is now getting on well. I have just moved her into a higher class - Her health is giving us little trouble - but she is beginning to pick up a little. As you wish I will see to keeping her + the little boy until the Fall - $50 for the year is all that I asked you to pay - but I think the entire expenses will foot up to about $130 for the two of them - So of course it will help us if you can manage to pay more than the $50. I will be glad to take the little boy into the shop by + bye when he is older -

Yrs as ever

S. L. Wilson

Is your wife home + her health pretty steady?

Sault Ste Marie
March 19/74

Rev. T. C. Radcliffe

Dear Sir

I am want a school master here May 1st. You will see advertisement in mail.

We have latel begun entoning service. & have Capital Chanting. the Indian boys such nice voices. We could entirely depend on School master for all this. I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly interest yourself in this matter. & try & get us the right man. must be able to play harmonium & lead singing. & hold 2d. or 3d. class certif. Salary $300 & all found.

Yrs very sincerely
T. Wilson

My dear Mr Ashton.

Our School master leaves us May 1st. & I am to day sending an advt. to the "mail". We have before repeating the service on mornings & have excellent Chanting. As it is a nice one for me. Not to [illegible] I can play harmonium & lead singing. & a member of Ch. of England. Can you kindly help me in getting the right man. Salary $300 & all found. must be 2d. or 3d. Cl. Certificate.

Our school is in Capital order now. & I am very anxious to keep it up. I feel sure you will do what you can for me. Our present teacher has got an offer of $500 as lay reader on the American side.

Yrs sincerely
T. Wilson

The Algoma Mission will be vacant [illegible] June 1st. I want to find a [illegible] [illegible] earnest Godly & [illegible] [illegible] & Married. Salary & house & $300 & board &c.

School master Wanted:

at the Shingwauk Home - May 1st. Must hold second & third class Certificates - Church of England - Able to lead singing & play harmoniums. Salary $300 with board & washing. Testimonials from Clergy required

address - Rev. E.F. Wilson
South Ste Marie, Ont.

33 words -
4 insertions - $1.32
enclosed.

In Chancery

I should be exceedingly glad if you would undertake to republish the Shingwauk hymn book - We are entirely out - are at present using Bateman's yellow book - Methodist I think it is - You might perhaps revise - & put in a few additional hymns - also revise notice of our Homes (using Red Hot Shot which I enclose) - I will take 200 copies if you get it printed - There are 2 or 3 other Sunday Schools that had the books but I have no record of them - The Algoma Missionary News can receive one free distribution -

Yours truly
E.F. Wilson

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March 23/88

A. McKelvey Esq.

Dear Sir

The following boys from your Institution will remain here this summer for the holidays —

Thomas Johnson. — Albert Lafayette
Wm Riley — Chas. Randle
Edward Williams — Smart Altman

And the following girls —

Maria Thomas — Nancy Henry

The above will go home for 16th provided the parents send money as required by the rules.

Should any of the parents of the above especially desire their children home this summer. they must send dollars to the Rev. but it will be best not to make any change.

I shall leave it with you & do as you think best about the 3 runaways —

Yours sincerely
H. Wilson

[illegible] boy [illegible] of the boys [illegible]

March 23/88

Rev. Mr. Mealy & Co.

Dear Sirs

I have received your favor of the 16th inst. & catalogue — Kind[illegible] with me in reply — What would be the objection to our getting of No 12 on list of chimes supplied in 1856 to Grace Church, Baltimore. — 6 bells — heaviest 411 lbs. — total weight 1425. Total cost of this lot with mountings I estimate will be about $480. Which is paid about what I want to do. You say in your letter you do not supply chimes of bells for less sum than $3000. Is it that these light weight chimes have proved unsatisfactory or what is the reason? I see also a peal of 3 bells bought by the Marquis of Lorne 1104 lbs —

Yours faithfully
H. Wilson

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March 23rd, 88

E. English Esq.

Dear Sir

The following boys from your Superintendency are remaining here during the holidays -

Thomas Jackson
John Pechabitty
Leslie Rondel

The Misses will go home July 16th provided the parents send money as required by the rules -

Your will I hope have Jackson Kalyney & the other absentees sent up as soon as navigation opens -

Yours truly
E. F. Wilson

March 28/88

Dear Dr. Sullivan

Miss Pitts friend in England - has fallen through - The list of applicants now for the Hawarden are the Misses Thompson Rose Jane Watt Dent & Miss Lodge of Manitouhia. My chief doubt about Miss Thompson is that she speaks English well & could teach well - We want a teacher who will be capable of preparing girls (if required) for teachers exams - Will you kindly let us hear from you further on the matter -

Yours very truly E. F. Wilson

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March 3 /84

Dr. Eggleston
Bureau of Ethnology
Washington D.C.

March 2nd/84

Dear Madam —

Your favor of the 28th ult. duly received. I am sorry that the first letter failed to reach you. It was written promptly. The Dawamosh will be vacant June 1st. At present I am in correspondence with a lady in Toronto about taking the place — but shall be glad to receive particulars from yourself. What Certificate you hold etc. & particulars as to whether you feel any special interest in the Indians — and would act as a kind of visiting agent among the Indian girls under your charge, with the temporal & spiritual advancement of the pupils in view.

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Yours truly
Edward E. Wilson

P.S. I send also 200 Red Man & Helper in case you should think it will allow [illegible] to mailing packets.

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Branch 31/86

[illegible] Lawrence Kansas

[illegible] from England that my eldest sister is very ill and that Hiram boy – that he is to be married at home by Father who is coming to England alone – I think therefore I must go to England this Spring instead of going to the North West as I had intended – If I do I propose to fill up part of my time giving lectures with a view to raising money for the Branch Home & I want you to ask Solomon Adams if he has any objection to my taking his little boy Willie with me – Willie will like boys & I think he will be a good representative of the Indian Race as he is a fine little fellow – Kindly let me hear as soon as possible – I am writing to Miss Jessie Lewis to ascertain that her sons to the Ch. of England & parents consent for him to remain 3 years – He must also submit to the rules of the Institution the same as the boys – If you have I think I have forms of consent. He can come up in May – Yrs sincerely R. P. Wilson

April 2d - 186

Dear Father -

I have today drawn on you for the following

For the Home — —	79 - 13 - 0
" Mr. Davis's rent -	12 - 3
" Mrs Wade for 3 children -	12 - 10 - 0
	£ 92 - 15 - 3

This is about £10 less than the usual amt but I am afraid that you may not have funds in hand to make up that we need to draw for - Since receiving Lavinia's last letter - March 13th - giving such a very serious account of dear Lucy's illness - we have been talking over the expediency of our going to England this Spring instead of going up the North West - If I do come I think it is probable I shall bring dear Lucy back in June & sell

April 3rd/86

The Rt Rev.
the Lord Bishop of Rupertsland

My dear Lord

I have just received your kind letter of the 26th ult. and beg to say in reply that for my part I am perfectly satisfied with the conditions you have named, that neither myself or any Hon. Officer in your Diocese shall be in any way responsible either legally or morally for the maintenance of the Branch Home of established. I was only afraid that some of the clergy might look upon the proposed extension of my work beyond the bounds of Algoma as an act of trespass on my part & thus your speech so kindly about it that I feel quite relieved on this score. I shall now

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The Manager
Bank of Montreal
Toronto

Sir

Kindly debit the Exchange on Rev D. Wilson with the sum of $2-15-3 — and credit the Bank Commercial with Notes received & advised in the Customs credit.

Yours faithfully

Edward F. Wilson

Judge McDonald April 5/88

Dear Sir

I have received your letter with enclosure & [illegible] I think it will be best not to send [illegible] Pat Hope - Even if Dr Thurston approved of the step - I think you will still be feel uncomfortable about it & there is no real need to do it - It may be better for the boy after all - & remain with us - Very many thanks for your kind offer & increase the cost for answer which I have been necessary -

Yours sincerely
T. F. Wilson

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[illegible] 3/88

[illegible] to see her. It might [illegible] may further [illegible] me in the [illegible] I think it is so helpful & [illegible] to remember that the work is not ours but God's - We cannot always see the way before us - but I will make it all clear if we will trust in Him. "If the work be of God it cannot be overthrown". I was just now turning to that passage in Isaiah - "I will make all my mountains a way" - I have had several great trials in the past, - but the remembrance of how God has led me through them & given a way for me Even I do see some makes me feel bold in regard the future. It is at present doubtful whether I can pay my intended visit to the North West this Spring - as the dangerous illness of my eldest sister & the feeble health of my father who is now over 80 will I think call me to England. If I go to England I shall, if God will, try to do something towards starting those Branch Homes - Believe me my dear Lord [illegible] Yours faithfully Thomas F. Wilson

April 5th

L. N. Lenwill

Dear Sir I have received your application for the position of Matron of the Indian School at this place and favor it - provided you understand that this is an Indian School & that the Sch. Master is expected to have general oversight of the boys out of school hours. & to help a little in general ways - in getting [illegible] &c. The staff consists of myself, my assistant superintendent Mr Mitchell - Mrs keeps the accts & superintends the kitchen work &c - Matron - & 1 servant. Asst. Supt. Schoolmaster & matron have meals in the office with us - Schoolmaster has his own bedroom & use of office as a sitting room.

I have written the Bishop of Algoma
Grange Road, Toronto, asking him kindly
to have an interview with you. So will
you kindly call on him. Should he
not be in town - you had better write again
to him at [illegible]. I would like previous the
testimonial you speak of from a Toronto
Clergyman. also to know why you left
England 2 years ago - & at what place
you have been engaged in the Archdeaconry
of Lake Superior. And you see the
Bishop you can explain all these things
to him instead of writing to me.

All it be decided on your coming, I wd like
you to arrange & arrive here by the
1st of May if navigation to them open - If not
as soon afterwards possible -

Yrs faithfully
Edward F. Wilson

April 5th/86

My Dear Lad

Wilton leaves us May 1st - & in reply to my adv. in the Mail - I have a number of Applications - the most suitable is a Mr. Thos Hattersill - 40 years of age - been teach. 20 years - strong - robust - splendid testimonials - was a Grammar master in England - 2 years out. address 92 Adelaide St West - Toronto He seems the best to draw for us - Still one must be cautious - & if still in Toronto - I'd be very much obliged if you would see him & size him - & if satisfactory arrange for him to come up here May 1st or as soon thereafter as then is a boat - I am offering $300 (an increase of $50) as I think ought not to have to pay any $ towards passage up - as paid as our friends are still a good deal behind.

I could herewith fail — the rest in order in

Mr. R. H. Grisdale – who has taught in Newburgh
near Kingston for 6 or 7 years. besides being
a Deacon in the Church – He is recommended
by Archdeacon Rev. Archd. Elliott, Camden East,
Kt. – Should the first fail will
you kindly ascertain about the second – as
it will save so much time. I hope
this will give you too much trouble – Also
– if Mrs. Thompson is not satisfactory you do
not think Mrs. Foster will do for us – Will
you kindly put following adv. in the Mail – or
some other like it –

Lady Superintendent wanted – At the Wawanosh
Home – June 1st. To teach Indian girls &
superintend the Home. Must hold third class
Certificate – Middlesex – Church of England –
Unmarried. Salary $200 with board & washing –
Testimonials from Clergy required.
Address – Rev. S. H. Wilson – or Yourself –

Yrs. sincerely
Edward H. Wilson

April 5th 86

Pres. F. Jewell LL.D.

Dear Sir -

Glad to hear from England
I may leave for Portland this Spring - & in that
case would wish my eldest son Rob to attend
as first term at High School & come home at Easter
instead of waiting for the summer holidays -
I have been thinking I would ask Mr Lewis
Brackett's son down here as my boys' substitute
for the Spring term - provided Dr. Bellows
can still receive him - He is a very
clever boy & I should like them both to go
on - If he did well - we might make
an effort to get him in here for a year or
two - The cost of him for the one term would be
no additional cost to yourself - but of course
I would not do it without Mr Lewis' consent - Kindly let
me hear as soon as possible - Yrs truly
Edward F. Wilson

April 67

Wm. Robert Coulter

In reply to your enquiries – the hire for single horse is 50 cts for 2½ hours, 10 cts an hour over that, $1.25 for the day. My own pony Charlie Coulter, harness & rugs are at the use of any one accepting myself or family. but are to be kept clean & in good order. (2) Double team ditto $3 a day or 35 cts per hour. (3) Full load of 10 bbls flour from up town, including load & unloading at door – $1. Part load 75 cts or 50 cts. Beef, mutton, veal, pork, butter at market value, that is I expect to buy as cheap from the farm as I can get elsewhere. (7) One fifth of a girls wages & board will be charged to farm while doing work

is going on - viz $3.60 a month. She will give 2 or 2½ hours a day as needed - Farm boy is to do the Churning. Milk in winter 8 cts a quart for new, in summer 5 or 6 cents for new record; as it is sell. for 2 cents for Skim.

(8) Clear Land. The first chopping I let by the acre about $5. an acre or what ever I can get it done for. For stumping $3 to $7 according to what is required. The Institution pays for ½ the boundary fence, but farm must keep it in repair.

(9) The Institution will employ the team each week for hauling wood, stones &c. If any building is done, team with the lumber, stone &c to haul.

(10) If I am satisfied by personal inspection (either myself or someone appointed by me) that the farm is doing well & steadily improving. I shall be very glad at the end of each year if funds will allow it to give you a small bonus, & at the end of three years if all is satisfactory & the farm in good Condition I shall allow you one third of the profits.

(11) I would like you to occupy the farm Cottage. I will allow you £8 a month & the Cottage rent free in the place of board.

(12) The stumping & clearing is the undertaking which I mainly rely on. Mrs. Mitchell first marking out the land & settling the price, & no stock

is to be purchased at anytime except by myself.

3. I agree to purchase a plough, set of spring toth harrows, & a jump plough.

Edward P. Wilcox

For any money that can be borrowed to loan out, pay 5 per cent per annum.

E. P. W.

Sault Ste Marie
April 7/84.

W. H. Hallam
Sir

Please send me
yr receipt for the $100 which I sent
you Feb 10th last & will then
remit half of yr rent. This is the
second time I have written asking for
receipt yr
Yalton

Yr ret R. H. Wilson

I am glad to hear from
my Uncle Walker that he has agreed to
pay the $6 for his boy's clothing that part
troubles me.

In order to withdraw any unpleasant feeling
in regard to the Parry Sound Indians. I will
cancel the debts of Elija J. Walker's father
& Walker Smith. But the Indians at
that place must understand that if my dead
sisters Children die I must let them remain
for the period for which an agreement is made.

I shall expect Joseph Chebesa up in May.
David Nicomine is not going home for the summer
vacation. If any new ones to come please
let them come up first Joseph. I am still kind
to them & Walker Smith give my Compliments.

Yr faithfully R. H. Wilson

Aug 7 1906

[illegible]

I enclose you an extract from our rules which have been approved by the Indian Department having regard to the attendance of pupils at our Institution & will be much obliged if you will keep them in your office & endeavour to induce the Indians & their children to abide by them.

I also enclose a list of children belonging to Christian Island who are in attendance at our school. Their parents having signed an agreement to that effect.

The following [illegible] are absent from our Institution - & against their names I put the amounts to be collected from the parents you will please take action. If the parents will not avoid paying the required amount they must send their children back here directly

Navigation News -

I shall be much obliged if you will kindly ask the next School Inspector to name to you such children as he think ought to go to Protestant (or Nancy Town) & then ascertain from the parents whether they wish to send them - & keep a list of applicants on hand.

Following is a list of children who are away at present & contrary to agreement - - -

Evan Edgerton	aged	7	charge	£3 - 00
Samuel Cranmer	"	11	"	5 - 00
Josiah H. Mark	"	10	"	4 - 90

If any new children to come - please send names at once. Alexander & Nancy will not go home this summer -

Yrs faithfully
T. L. Wilson

April 5/88

The Manager
Bank of Montreal, London

Sir

Enclose you Cheque
for £75-0-0 Molsons Bank - Hamilton
£1-5-0 London & County Bank Ch. Inp.
Kindly place credit to Indian
Home acct - also advise me if
L. H. Campbell Esq has made anft
in my account -

Yrs truly

April 8th 1888

Messrs J. Ibbotson & Co
Dear Sirs -
Please your pleasure Rec'd
Yours Respectfully -
2 Quarts Claret. Kinds of wine
3 Mrs Sherry Wine -
25 Mrs Liqueur Brandy -
6 1 Hennessy Cognac
2 1 Gilbeys Old Tom
8 1 Benzonin (Rum)
4 1 Dewars Scotch
4 1 Campbell
4 1 Coleman
8 1 Irish Whiskey 2 vrs
4 1 Robbie Old Tom
6 1 Brandy
2 1 Benzonin
2 1 Cherry Brandy -
2 Small Glass water bottles

SHERWOOD HOME
SAULT STE. MARIE

April 4th 76

Arnold Burrows Esq.

Dear Sir

It is long since I have written to you. I hope you have not lost all interest in our work among the Indians. Our boys are getting on splendidly. Attain daily & Sunday. We have had delightful services in the little chapel.

We are collecting to send for a bell & have about $60 in hand so far. I find from Meneely & Co in the States that a bell of 3 bells (400 - 400 & 450 lbs) could be procured for $459. It would sound very fine on the waters & if we could [illegible] on the occasion. If we can raise many for our bell will the Society pay it & the two? instead of the window. I will thank Mrs Burrows & Miss Wood help. It is possible I may visit England in June.

Yours faithfully Edward F. Wilson

SHINGWAUK HOME

April 8th 86

H. P. Hayes Esq.

Dear Sir

In reply to yours of the 31st ult. just received - will you kindly begin and help a nice little Indian girl named Gracie Jacobs. She is a pretty gentle little thing & only came to us last Autumn. Gracie is I think about 8 years old - but I will ask Miss Cunningham & write - & send Measurement &c. It is wonderful how much little children can do & help us &c work. I often think & do wonder why it is proportion has to grow so slow -

Yours sincerely

Edward F. Wilson

SMITHSONIAN LIBRARY

April 4th/87.

Dear Hen

Many thanks for Yr. last letter - also to the Chief for his letter, I am very glad to hear that you are both well - & I was extremely glad to hear Dr Goode said about William Riley. I do not believe that a boy has ever found the Lucian as I think Willie Riley did & have turned round - a Roman Catholic -

Sorry to the illness of one of my sisters - & my father being in very feeble health - I think it is likely I will go to England in June - & if so - I will try & raise money for building the proposed Branch Homes -

All is going on well here - We have had no visitors all winter - The boys are learning & keep & chant splendidly - far ahead of anything we ever had - Have - Dean Stuck knows us upon here sent in writing words when his visit.

Yours Edward S. Wilkes

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
LIBRARY

Cambridge Mass

My Dear [illegible]

[illegible] enclose you for
Mrs [illegible] two return tickets from
here to Quincy [illegible] which you will find very convenient
if you will send me [illegible] I will have
as soon as I can [illegible] you to do -
I have decided [illegible] to the Indiana
[illegible] on the 7th (M.E.)
[illegible] our natural destination will
be known - As the date of the tickets
would extend over 3 months - I may [illegible]
Augt 7th & allow for stoppages over at
Quincy, [illegible] & Buffalo -
If there is any objection to the ticket being more
than 2 months - will [illegible] the time May 7th
to Augt 7th.

Yours truly
Edward S. Wilson

Oct 8th 86

Mrs. H. V. Pe[illegible]

Dear [illegible]

[illegible] your [illegible] received
[illegible] kind letter [illegible] 2nd ult
[illegible] [illegible] dangerous illness [illegible] so
[illegible] able [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] England this summer [illegible] was [illegible] said
[illegible] and so be able [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
However [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] it
[illegible] as follows:
[illegible] is an elderly lad [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] is on a visit [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] takes a very great interest in the Indians
[illegible] is [illegible] [illegible] with me [illegible] the Indians up
in the north West [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] cost either with or [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] $2 or $2.25 a week [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 10 weeks [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

THE SHINGWAUK HOME

How the Work originated.

There is a fine old Indian Chief now living at Garden River, near Sault Ste Marie, Lake Superior, named SHINGWAUK. He was baptized nearly 40 years ago by the venerable Archdeacon of Niagara. In the year 1871 the Garden River Indians were all in great distress because their Missionary, the Rev. James Chance, had been removed from them & there seemed like no prospect of any one coming & take his place. Under God's providence, the Rev. E. F. Wilson, at that time missionary at Sarnia was led to pay them a visit and he made great friends with Chief Shingwauk and his young Sister Chief Ogahkwejeneus. & finally an arrangement

[illegible] And then I thought how
sad & gloomy was our present condition. We
were left alone as sheep without a Shepherd.
The Blackcoat Wilson had paid us a visit
but he was now going away & we should be
left alone & uncared for. Then
suddenly, like the lightning darts across the
sky there came a thought into my breast. I
thought, — I also will go with him, I will go in my
self the Blackcoat Wilson & where he is going,
I will see the great Blackcoat (the Bishop) and

disaster, and within two weeks £300 had been subscribed towards the rebuilding.

The New Shingwauk Home

£1000 was subscribed in England & Canada towards the rebuilding of the Shingwauk Home, & that our Children's undertaking proved a Blessing. We have now a strong substantial Stone building with accommodation for 60 Indian boys. The foundation Stone of the new building, which is situated at Sault Ste Marie, 9 miles from Garden River, was laid by the Earl of Dufferin

The Garden River Mission

In the Spring of 1872 the Rev. Wilson MacKay Chief Bankwegijenene left Garden River & Mrs. MacKay & family, & proceeded to Toronto & thence to England. Whilst there the Mission House was erected. It was a long frame building, & had accommodation for 40 Indian children. It was opened for use in March to 22nd by Archdeacon Lefroy in 1873. Rev. T. Bompas and Rev. J. Horden visited Calvados (Lefroy) in 1873. It was not in existence since then. Rev. J. Horden left in Sept. 1874 & Rev. Samuel Mc Arthur & all its contemporaries).

[illegible] Rev. Mr. Hall Rev. J. Horden left in Sept. 1874 & Rev. Samuel Mc Arthur & all its contemporaries).

The Institution is for Indian girls. It is about 2½ miles distant from the Mission House, & the Homes are under the charge of the Rev. C. H. Mitchell. It is called Wawanosh after an old Indian Chief. It formerly held 40 acres. There is accommodation in the building for 25 inmates. The girls receive a good education, & are also taught Knitting, housework, Laundry work. The cost of the building was about $1000.

Now the Children are dismissed.

We desire here to record our grateful thanks for support of the Indian Children whose ancestors were the owners of the soil, the Provincial Govt & Dominion Govt. Most Children both in England and in Canada. The Canadian Government makes us an annual grant towards their support & the Govt Homes & we also receive help from England towards the support of teachers salaries. — but for the support of Indian children we look mainly to the kindly Christian people

In 38 of July 1874, the Institution was publicly opened on August 2nd 1875. The boys are taught various trades, such as Carpentry, bootmaking, blacksmith, waggon making &c — & some are prepared as School teachers. There is also a farm of about 80 acres which is gradually being cleared up & brought under Cultivation.

The Wawanosh Home.

Our Chapel is a handsome little stone building & was built at a cost of £800 in memory of our late beloved Bishop Sargent. This is what a friend who was present at our Wednesday Service the next day says about it -

"It was indeed an interesting sight to see those children, many of them no doubt clothed from home with Heathenism, ignorance, and filth combined & make life wretched; - and now there they stood, well dressed, clean, & wholesome looking, & united they lifted up their voices in the House of the Lord, in songs of praise & the

Extension of our work.

We want now if God will to extend our work to the Regions beyond, — to spread out North, West, South, & establish several Branch Homes, all to be supported as at present by the Sunday Schools.

We propose enlarging the present Shingwauk Home, at Sault Ste Marie, so as to make it capable of accommodating a hundred pupils. We want this to be the central Institution, and in addition to our Indian pupils to have three or four young White fellows whose hearts have been drawn by God to the work training as Missionaries.

Then we propose to establish FOUR BRANCH HOMES.

1st Branch Home - in the Qu'Appelle Diocese, 1000 miles west of the Shingwauk, among the Sioux & Cree Indians. It is to be called the Katapwa Home & will cost £1000 ($5000). Bishop Anson writes:- "our only hope of doing permanent good to the native race is by the instruction of the children away from the influence of their homes. I very earnestly trust you will be able

to begging, or to Concerts, or bazaars, — neither do we even ask for Collections after meetings. The work is God's, God has blessed & prospered us hitherto. The silver & the gold are God's. God can put it into the hearts of his own people to give to this work in his own time and in his own way.

May the hearts of God's people be stirred to do something on behalf of these poor Indians whose lands & hunting grounds we are now occupying. The Indians are God's poor in Canada, and God will as He would "remember the poor".

5. Commence your work in your midst & spread.

2. Brandon Home in Manitoba, 600 miles west of the Algonquins, now Called the "Wanderers Home"

The Bishop of Rupert's Land writes:- "I will be very thankful, and I am sure the members of the Church will be thankful, if you should be able to establish a Home such as the Brandon Home."

Manitoba has already donated $1,000 towards the Brandon Home.

The Work cost will be $5000.

3. Brandon Home on the Ste Clair River, South of Lake Huron, 300 miles to the Algonquin, now Called the "Kingsmill Home"; Cost $5000

4. Brandon Home near Lake Simcoe, 300 miles S.E. of the Algonquins, now called the "Pigeon-Bay Home"; Cost $5000.

Here are 130,000 Indians in Canada, of whom we are Guardians in Algoma (often the Mission Home are) and Ontario, 10,000 in Manitoba, and 5000 in the Qu'Appelle District.

April 1886

Dear Dr. Sullivan

Will you kindly tell the Bishop that I have had again from Mr. Rowswell in the North West - & it seems desirable that I shd run up there before going to England in order to secure 2 little Sioux boys whom he has for me - & to show her Grace & support. I propose starting Saturday May 7th - just for a

Address in England - for the Shingwauk Home a Brandon Homes for Children

Revd. Prebendary Wilson, Islington N.

or Mrs William Martin, 27 Bloomsbury Square W.C.

for the Wawanosh Home

Mrs Halson, Stickworth Hall, Arreton, Isle of Wight

In Canada Revd E. F. Wilson

Sault Ste Marie

Ontario.

May. 1886.

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Sault Ste Marie - Ont.
April 1886

Dear Sir

Kindly thank for yr letter -
The Chief at Serpent River despatch
promised Paul Pahundwakoonik back
here in Spring - Kindly tell him that I
am expecting to go to Prop and 1st of June &
will take boy home in May before
I start - also 2 or 3 more boys if they want to
come - How can parents agree as well?
and you some?

Yrs truly T. H. Wilson

April 1886

Mr. Dear Dr Rae

Dear Sir

Send you in
duplicate Cheque for $10 for Mrs Hill
the receipt for which you have sent me.

Please tell Mrs Hill that her little
boy Pascoe is perfectly well & happy - He is
a nice intelligent little fellow, has a good
head, & I think will be a clever boy -
Also likes his brother Peter Pahkahbonse very
much - He is a very nice well behaved boy
& gets along very nicely. Louis Kegegwan
is also well behaved & does well. The
Chief at Serpent River - promised to send me
little Paul Pahundwakoonik in the Spring -
will you tell him that I expect to start for
Prop and the first of June & will be glad for the
child to come here before I go away - Also 2 or
3 more boys if there are any to come - but they must sign
agreements before Mr Phillips for 5 years - Yrs truly T. H. Wilson

"St. Pt. Mary"
Ont. 11/05

Where will the Church be in a month?

Editor of the Evangelical Churchman.

Dear Sir,

I have received the following letter from the Rev. J. W. Sims, Superintendent of the Blackfoot-Saskatchewan Mission of the C.P.R., and I write it to say, that the Church Building Committee of Calgary, a distance of 2200 miles, have decided to help us with a grant of $1000 towards the erection of a church there, but how many will depend on how much we can raise ourselves. I will feel glad if this is a call from God to Advance, and I am sure many others will feel the same. I have written to the Rev. Chas Cummings, Secretary of the Church Building Committee, Calgary, asking a letter from the Bishop of Calgary, and I will forward it to the Church Building Committee, Calgary, as soon as I receive it. I am sure that the Bishop will not hesitate to help us, as he knows that we have built churches in other places, and that we have always been successful in raising the money. I am sure that the Bishop will not hesitate to help us, as he knows that we have built churches in other places, and that we have always been successful in raising the money.

Yours sincerely,

[illegible]

Secretary.

Wrote on —
Letter [illegible]
up stairs as he wants to
stay, [illegible] so —

Will the Bishop be
here by the end of May —
& could he conveniently
hold Confirmation in our
Church on Sund, May 30?
— I have 6 boys & 7
girls prepared for Confirm.
I will try & [illegible]

— but the rain is at present
impressable.

I hope the Bishop will
kindly adv. for a lad for
the Warwards — & I will pay
the cost when I know what
it is —

I have had a number of
applications for Schoolmasters
If Mr. Sims I sent the following
points — the following might be
tried — St. Jas. Cowsdale P.O. Ont
A. W. Beall, Queen's Coll, Kingston
Ont
Yours truly
G. E. Wilson

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income. "What troubles me most now is",
~~I am prevented~~ (he says in his letter of March 3?)
I am prevented from re-erecting Mission buildings
at Onion Lake owing to lack of funds".
I know as Kinsmen of Mr. Simms & Mr.
Quinney accept that I have read of them in the
papers, but I believe it is my duty before God to
help them in their hour of need just as much as
it was the duty of the Good Samaritan to help that
poor man who was in distress on the road side.
I enclose a small sum and shall be much
obliged if you will apply half of it to Mr. Simms
Mission and half that of Mr. Quinney - Perhaps
you may see your way to open a subscription list
towards both these worthy objects.
Later on the first page of the same issue of your
paper - that 27 million dollars has been spent
this past year in Canada on strong drink. I am
not a teetotaler or an advocate of teetotalism, but
I cry shame on those who thus abuse God's gifts &
drink themselves drunk with the things of this world
like. Mr. Church is left to pray on a week day Evening
existence.
We shall pray and labor
Opening at ours Chapel here for Mr. Quinney's mission. Will
any Mtl. Churches do the same?
Yrs faithfully E. F. Wilson

April 12th/86

Gen'l Secretaries
Col. & Cor. Gen'l Assn
Dear Sirs -

I have been waiting for the Rev'd R. Rennie's report - but do not like to wait any longer - so am sending you the forms filled in - today - & will send you the particulars of Mr. Rennie's mission separately as soon as I can get him -

In regard to our work I have to report that all is under God's blessing going on most favorably - We have had no serious sickness at either of our Homes - & the pupils are all making capital progress in their studies - It is the wish of the foremost Native Christians that such as ours should

assume the Character of High Schools - & that the Old Prepare School teachers for the Indian Day Schools as far as possible - We are now regularly inspected twice a year -

I have already I think notified you that I propose - if possible - a considerable extension of our work - We propose to erect about £1400 in the enlargement of the Shingwauk Home so as to make it capable of receiving 100 pupils. & I am anxious to establish 4 Branch Homes at various distant points.

I expect to make a quick trip to Manitoba as soon as navigation opens - A gentleman in that Region has promised me £200 towards the establishment of a Branch Home in that neighborhood -

On my return from the North West - it is quite possible I may pay a visit to England - that is the Summer - I remain dear Sir -

Yours faithfully

Edward F. Wilson

April 12/88

Alex. McKelvey Esq.
Dear Sir

In reply to yours of the 5th inst I am quite willing to undertake any reasonable expense connected with bringing back those runaway boys - I would not wish either of them to be imprisoned - as after all it was more a freak (tho' a bad one) than actual dishonesty - If you can so arrange it - I think the best way will be to have them sent up here under arrest & delivered by the Constable into my custody - I will then examine them about the whole matter & tell see in what mind they are - & punish them or not as may seem advisable.

The cost of the trip by stage will be charged against them & they will receive no pocketmoney until they are paid for either by their own earnings or by their parents.

Their term will be extended one year additional

Rewards - Jackson Kabyay Foley till Left 189
Joseph Lampson " Oct 190
Mackenzie N. " June 187

My wish I think be made understood - and
the parents also, that if the misbehave or try to run
away again before this time is up - they will be
liable to be arrested again & proceeded against
for Leaving & stolen the boat &c.

Perhaps you can kindly ascertain whether
not such a course as I propose above can be
legally adopted.

If I find the boys Sutton & may yield it may
be best to expel them.

You understand I think that Jackson had not
his wits & steal the sail boat - He knows that to
cause &c.

I think the man down the last below might
pay the cost of getting it back if he wants it - I
will see him as soon as possible - but it seems
the man is unpeaceable -

Yrs faithfully
Edward D. Wilson

after the boys are sent P - you may
think it well that the Indians know
the contents of this letter -

April 9 / 86

Dear Mr. Richardson

Y. letter just received. I am sorry there should be any misunderstanding about receipt of Y. boy - You have been charged as tho' you commenced to rent the boy from Sept 1st. It was the question of letter you wrote - in regard to support from that date or Dec. 1st - I do not think you have given me any direct answer to that point either in a former letter or in the one received today - If you commence Sept 1st - our circ. reminder of $18.75 due for 3 mos. in advance from March 1st is correct - If you commence Dec. 1st - the $18.75 is due until June 1st. Unless I hear from you again I shall judge that you intend this latter arrangement will alter our books accordingly - Yours truly

As the boy was sent us from Sept 1st we must of course regard that as the date of his entry.

SAULT STE. MARIE

April 9th/86

Dear S. Wilson

Sun very liberal & acceptable
gift. Sunday School is quite
revived. We put a surprise on
them last night. We sing as we used
to in old times. It comes
very opportune as we have to plan in
prospect. Ck. enclose circular with
Mr. Jones hope in part to stand our work
about; if God will, several Brush Hooks
I am also sending you a bundle of Post
Cards. One special object
we have in prospect is the erection of
a Chapel which Mr. Ritchie has been making
a bottle of & carpenter work shop with a
hospital for any of our children that get sick
here. Hospitals are needed in this land for my

Indians living around us - Mrs Pt met with ill
result with an accident. There is not [illegible]
to find a friend in Alpine either
Indian or White people - Our chief
reason why I want to start North this soon is
that we have a most excellent cleaning lady who
has been staying with us this winter is desirous to
help Indians & would like to give her services
for such a work as this - I have
thought that if you & the authorities connected
with your school over there will I would like
to assist you with (if $18.17) toward
this special work - It is a thing that is
very much needed - as our present sick room
is only a little room about 12 x 14 - not well
ventilated -

Yours very sincerely -

J. H. Wilson

You may like to know that our Indian children and
teachers did a fair work - I support an orphan
boy in Jerusalem & pay for him. - most
raised by little boys & girls

April 28/78

Dear Sir

= Letter dated Brantford rec'd
(received) - & Statement of ... in my
... the ... Lowell - in
... to pay - & ... paid
... -

... satisfied) if Andrew
B. ... will ... Sandale - & if
satisfied - engage him to come up - on or
about May 1st -

Should he fail - the ... next in
order - if not yet engaged -

S. Lyons - Rowdale P.O., Victoria Co., Ont -
Holds 2nd. cert. - has taught 15 years -
... Highgate - recommended by his
Clergyman Rev. J. S. Cooper, Cramby, Ont
(Camera + Cobourg
Pr. Dis.)

= Rev. W. H. C. ...
Cobourg
Ont -

Dr Harwood - says (in rather business style)
'Can fill the bill in every particular' - 10 years
teach. - Testimonials from
Canon Worrell, Oakville, Ont.
Rev. J. Langtry, Toronto -
Address. Sandwich, Ont.

I sent you post card that J. McDonald
Esq. again wants $60 a boarder - to take
your [illegible] take him - I have asked W.
Brown to look out for some one -
Mr. Greene has just told me of a Mr.
Irwin, Lac Seul, Man. who was asking
after him - has work among Ojibways - knows
a smattering of the language - Rev. Chs. Parker
[illegible] Irwin - He expects him here in the
Spring to see us.
How will it be to put Archie at R. R. School for
a year or two ?!?!?
I enclosure will be put into A.M.S. & will
do my best to have it correct -
Lads for W.H. - if a lad, & a good
practical [illegible] - must not look early.

Yours sincerely
T. E. Wilson

April 21/87

Rev. Bedford Jones —

Dear Sir —

I advertised in the mail some little while since for a school master for our Sunday School & some days ago — among the applications I have one from a Mr. R. H. Trisdale who has taught in Newburgh near Rafanee for 6 or 7 years — & was organist in the Church there — As the first applicant I communicated with does not seem satisfactory — & time is pressing so here — I would like to secure Trisdale if suited for us — He is well recommended by the Rev. Archd. Elliott — our Bishop has I believe written to you about him — If with the enclosed I have if you could kindly see him call on you — if you consider him satisfactory — engage him for me that he come up by first boat — If necessary telegraph — I will do so at my expense —

Yours faithfully [illegible]

April 21/86

Rev. Archd. Elliott

Dear Sir

As the matter sits now I was commissioned to act the matter has not been altogether satisfactory - I would like now to secure Mr. R. H. Insdale of New Zealand to the post - if he is still disengaged - & you judge him fit for our work - I wrote the Bishop of Algoma about him & he - understood that he was near Japanese ask him to see him & report - but I do not know whether he has done so - I am writing both to yourself & to Archdeacon B. Jones - If Insdale is within easy reach & you & you consider him fitted for us - will you kindly engage him for us - that he come up S. first boat - as we are out to May 1st. If necessary telegraph - & do as you deem best - Yours faithfully C. O. Wilson

April 21/86

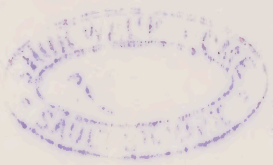
Rev'd R. Lindsay.

My dear Sir

Many thanks for your kind letter & offer of help - Will your Society undertake - Fannie Jacobs - about 11 years old - She is of Canadian Parentage - & at present has no support - The cost is $50 per annum - & a list of Clothes - I will ask Miss Cowper to send you the little girls measurements. I am also writing you - packet of Pictures -

Yours sincerely -

S. H. Blake



April 20/06

The Manager
Bank of Montreal Toronto -
Dear Sir
Lam end
Yrs by Bank Book —
Also enclose cheque —

No. 3881 - Fifth Avenue Bank. New York. 218-17
- P. 218. Imperial - Toronto. 75-
$293-17

Please credit my Ind. Homes acct.
And Oblige
Yours truly
Edward L. Wilson

SEMINARY OF THE LORD
SAN FRANCISCO

April 22/86

Rev. R. H. Sindale

Dear Sir

I have a letter
delegation replying to yr. application of
March 31 — as I see in communicat
[illegible] Your application came
in earlier than yrs. The Bishop has had
an interview with this applicant & is not
favorably impressed — Therefore, if still
unemployed I think it is likely I will accept
yr. application — I have written to Archdeacon
Bedford Jones of Kalama says to ask
you to call on him & if he is satisfied — he
will engage you to come over — If convenient
to do so I would [illegible] do so — as it will be
[illegible] Hear from me not
[illegible] —
[illegible]

yourself - & the testimonials with which you have furnished me. &c, if you have not accepted any other engagement, I think it will be best - as the time is so short - to decide on accepting you - & I shall be glad if you can arrange to come here in the first week in May - Our present master - who has been with us nearly 3 years leaves May 1st & takes a place as Lay reader &c with Rev. Mr. Lide - We shall keep the boys at out door work until the new master arrives -

Boats run direct here both from Calf. and & Panama - Cabin passage being $80 or $90 - We have a beautiful little Chapel - & a Sunday School which the School & the boys -

Yrs faithfully
Edward S. Wilson

If you accept & want to accept, kindly let me hear at your expense -

PHILLIPS EXETER ACADEMY

Oxford 24 Feb

Dear Mr Bethune

I am afraid you will think I have been long in answering your kind letter about the boy Wappah — but time seems a little relative about it. The last week I have spent down in Berkshire — was leaving to stay with Mr Brown & going to Portsmouth — As soon as I had this I wrote to Mr Jewell master of the Public School London who suggested "Waubegeejis" — I suggested my little boy in Johnny's place — Waubegeejis is a full blooded Indian — & I think a fine boy — Of the two I would prefer Johnny — Johnny is my favourite — but not many as fine — & the Premier — You

Jan – pour marins – a hospils – Object to
pub. trade Indian ? — W. is the boy
stood round Canada with me Can Bell. He
is very good natured sociable – made great
friends with the White boys at all the places
we stopped at – You will understand that
Dad did not like one of my boys to the school
for he could not enlighten by his companions –
You will probably see the bridge here this
Wed he – W. Jewell writes very kindly
says – days that Bp Ha + Canon Innes
will very much like him protect Mrs + Post
Hon – I assume at present it will be
my post for the summer – Love to Pete
&c.

If you agree to accept him in place
of Hotung – kindly write or telegraph at
once – & tell him B – as soon then
as the decision is made – please (if favourable)
send David home. You will know the
voice of Nanny – David – Oochigeas – Wind goes his.
Yr kind C. V. Wilson

April 28/86

Dear Mr. McKenzie

I have no desire to antedate my claim for y. support of the boy Ames - It is right that we ask all Lumbermen to make up their remittances via June 1st Sept 1 Dec 1 & March 1st - This is explained I think in the circular - I ask you I think if you can begin from Sept 1st as the little fellow was with us at that time & had no support - As you did not reply (as far as I remember) to the - we just pass them for Sept 1st - subject of course to any subsequent correction - As you object to this - we will be quite satisfied for you to begin from Dec 1st - will alter our books accordingly - This ended my part of you to take up our work at all as then are so many claims on all sides -

Yrs sincerely S. H. Wilson

Apl 28, 41

Rec'd Hon. Richardson

Dr Sir The Contents of yr Kind
favor just received are most gratifying.
Indians have been greatly [illegible]
of late by so many new friends coming to our
help.

The Cost of an Indian child (boy or girl)
for one year is $75 — or, if cloth is sent
$50. Some small Schools join together &
pay $37.50 or $25 each per annum. We do
not like to more than halve a child — as it
becomes confusing & involves so much correspg
Ten not count less $25 per annum — gratuity
Contributions from personal friends.

I will ask Dr Cunningham at the
Dept to write you full particulars &
to [illegible] Indians &c — I am also sending you
some reports &c.

Yrs faithfully
E. Wilson

Dear Sir

In reply to your letter just received tendering for contract [illegible] on Farm Land — I am willg to accept the tender & to abide by the conditions expressed in the Specification — with the exception that I can only pay you $1 a rod where there is no hard pan — & $1.10 per rod where there is hard pan — I can also only advance 85 cents per rod as the work advances — If you agree to this modification of your offer I will be glad for you to take the contract —

Yours truly

S. K. Wilson

April 27th 80

My dear Lord

I have not settled definitely – but to make a flying trip to the North West Lakes & portages for the summer –

If plans are not altered since last year – I shall hope to reach Winnipeg at 8 a.m. on Saturday morning May 15th – spend a quiet Sunday there & on to Selkirk (for Beulah) at 8.30 a.m. Monday morning.

On the way up – I shall be 2 or 3 days at Beulah & 2 or 3 days at Rat Portage to visit the Indians –

If you have missionaries at those points will you kindly send me a note of introduction to them –

I shall be accompanied by Miss Pigott an elderly Lady about 60 years of age – who is devoted to Indian work – & will probably stay a month or two at Beulah – to our Indian boys from my House –

Will you kindly direct me a line to care of Judge Hamilton, Port Arthur. Yrs my friend

T. L. Wilson

April 27/86

Hes. H. Roswell Esq:

Dear Sir

I have just completed my plans (N.P.) for the summer - They are as follows:-

Leave Winn May 6th -
Stop at Brule & visit the Indians May 8 — 11
" at Rat Portage " " " 12 - 15
Spend Sund in Winnipeg - " 16.
Reach Elkhorn - Monday 17th p.m.
Take Y. stage to Beulah - Tuesday 18th a.m.
Leave Elkhorn return " 25th a.m.

During the week at Beulah - I will like if possible to visit Pambleis Reserve 25 miles or so north - as well as the Sioux Reserve near by - And shall be prepared to take back 2 or 3 boys with me from Homes if the parents are willg. Shall be glad to do - I think it best to bring an Indian boy with me - he is a help with travel - & also as a companion to my boys. Then I may get him back.

AUK HOME
STE MARIE ont.

April 27/81

Rev. Charles Quinney
Dear Sir

Sent you a small contribution towards rebuilding Yr Mission House, thro' the 'Evangelical Churchman' a week or two ago — & have much pleasure now in enclosing you a cheque for $9.07 the amt of Offertory Collection in our little Chapel on Sesterday.

I hope that you will soon with God's blessing see the wilderness once more blossoming as the rose — I have been 18 years now working among the Indians — We have two large Institutions for Indian boys & girls — & I am taking charge of a third (SW) & Branch Home — One of these is the in Manitoba & one in Assiniboia — I start on a short trip to the N. West next week — but shall not go further West than Beulah in Manitoba

Yrs very sincerely

Rev. Quinney
Prince Albert
Saskatchewan

Dear Sir — Mrs Shaw has already written to tell you of the £2 she has collected for your Church, & I now enclose you a Post Office Order for £2 which I hope will help you in your work — a noble undertaking.

Yours very sincerely

April 27/86

Rev. J. J. Morton

Dear Sir

I have been in communication during the winter with Mr. Rosewell of Beulah & Mrs. Polston - both of whom you probably know. I also made them a visit by the neighborhood - with a view to the Indians - & daily also towards the establishment of a Branch Institute in connection with our Hemingway Home. Mr. Rosewell has also one or two little Indian boys for me to take back with me to Mt. Pleasant. I hope all will reach Beulah May 18th & to stay a week in that neighborhood. An elderly lady named Miss Pigot - who takes deep interest in Indian work is going with me - & I can get a lodging for her somewhere she will stay several weeks. An Indian boy from our home will also accompany me -

Should you have any thing to say in reply - will you kindly address me to the care of Judge Hamilton Port Arthur Ont.

Yours faithfully
S. L. Pickard

April 29/86

Jas. H. Rosswell Esq:

Dear Sir

Had just written you when your letter arrived. I am afraid I cannot reach Elkhorn before Monday May 17th as my plans are all made & several parties write to. I however very much hope you will not leave Elkhorn before I arrive. It will be a great disappointment not to get the little Crow boy after all. & I am very glad to hear there is prospect of 2 more. Miss Pigot has decided not to accompany me beyond Winnipeg. Which I am rather glad of.

Yours sincerely

L. O. Wilson

SHINGLE MILL
SAULT STE MARIE

April 30/86

Gps- S. Luke

D- Si

Jan will oblige by
sending me at once 30 barrels
of Best Family Roller flour at the
price last Quoted — $4- for which
I will pay cash- Hoping Jan
to moderate V. please in favour of
our Order-

Yrs Truly

Edward P. Wilson

SPRINGWATER LODGE
SAULT STE MARIE

April 30/86

My dear Mr. Crawford

Very many thanks for visit to Sault - your proposal is quite acceptable. Of course we regard all Sunday School Boys as entitled volunteers - all we want to know is - how much we may depend on from year to year. All that we have received from Y. Sunday School since 82 on Reds' acct has been $25 per Mr. Kirkp. April 16/83, $40 ditto May 19/84, $27 per Mr. Rogers April 27/85, & $10 per ditto Jan. 25/86. Red is a nice little fellow & getting well - he is now quite high in the School. The $40 you owe now ends we will count as clearing you to June 1st. if that is satisfactory - that is another $37.50 will be due for the year ends June 1st/87.

Yrs sincerely -
S. H. Wilson

I am going to the N. W. myself next week for 3 weeks - I hope we will be able to have a day or a visit.

SHINGWAUK HOME
SAULT STE MARIE

April 30/88

Miss S. E. Watty

Dear Madam.

I shall be very glad to receive
3 or 4 pupils from Rama if they are sent
this spring from your Institution. Louisa
& Sarah were very good girls & we very
much like them. Will you kindly
send me names & ages of any wishing to come
– they should not be more than 11 or 12 years
old – the parents must sign an
agreement for them remaining with us 5 years –
Any who come should be here not later than
the 1st of June as that is now our rule.
We have room for boys than for girls –
On hearing from you – I will send you an
extract of our rules & forms of agreement.

The parents are expected to deposit
$10 with the Indian agent – as a
guarantee that they will keep them, to be forfeited if they break it.

Yrs very truly S. F. Wilson

May 3/87.

Rev. and Dear Sir and Brother in Christ

Yours of the 1st ult. to hand and contents noted. I am sorry to learn that you have been so unwell, but trust that you are now fully restored to health and strength. I am glad to learn that you have been so successful in your labors among the people, and that you have been able to baptize so many. I am also glad to learn that you have been able to establish a church in the village of [illegible]. I am sure that you will be a great blessing to the people there. I am also glad to learn that you have been able to establish a church in the village of [illegible]. I am sure that you will be a great blessing to the people there. I am also glad to learn that you have been able to establish a church in the village of [illegible]. I am sure that you will be a great blessing to the people there.

Yours in the bonds of the Gospel,

[illegible]

THE WARE COLLECTION
BOWDOIN COLLEGE

Aug 3 1787

Bishop Quebec

[illegible] contained in yr letter
of the 26th ult was a surprise - & a
[illegible] for I well thank fulness - I cant
remember the Date of all acquaint
[illegible] any Communication wit the
Cath. Bish. Davidson tho so kindly sought
[illegible] us your work -
Will you kindly pay in the £400 to
Credit of my Indian Homes acct in the
Bank of Montreal - & I will give
the necessary receipts when you and
turn home.

Yrs faithfully
Edward F. Wilson

SAULT STE. MARIE

Dec. 3rd 86

The Manager
The Bank of Montreal, London

Sir

I am expecting the Bishop of Algoma to pay in $500 to my Indian Homes acct and the Bishop of Quebec to pay in $400 to the same account. As soon as the above amounts are received - I shall be obliged if you will give me a deposit receipt for $900 - at the return rate of interest you are now allowing -

Yours truly
Edward P. Wilson

My 3rd/86.

My dear Lord –

My plans have been slightly altered since last writ – I start this week – the 6th or 7th – for the N. West – taking Mrs Wilson & Kathie as far as Port Arthur – & Mrs Pipe as far as Winnipeg – & Lorne on with me to Brandon – where I have promised 3 Indian boys – I expect only to be away 3 weeks – & visit 7 or 8 Reserves on the C. P. R. line & get back in time for Confirmation in our Chapel (if Bp. of Rupert's Land can't come) Sunday May 30th –

Then after a couple of weeks at home except 1 visit June 8th for England – & to Lake Nipigon Sept 9th – Dr. still [illegible] for cases of my sister – & I am

She is gradually failing - indeed it scarcely seems possible that she can live.

Did you hear of Murton's fire - his place all burnt down & very little lost - I have employed him for a month as our Carpenter - & we are going to turn the Cottage into a Hospital -

Money for the extension has been coming in pretty fast - & with the $500 from the Kyffin Estate we shall soon be up to $2000 - The establishment of a hospital was a part of the plan for extension & we propose doing that first - Will you kindly pay in the $500 to credit of my Indian Homes acct in the Bank of Montreal - I have written them to send me a deposit receipt when they receive it - Mr. Tisdale arrived yesterday - he is at my place & I fear cannot do much in the way of doing - Stevens I hope we shall keep him - I am glad to get rid of Mr. Wolfe - he was beginning to get troublesome again - Milton does our first-rate & is the greatest help in many ways -

Yrs very sincerely
E. Wilson

I have not been able to find another.

May 3/86

Rev. J. Jacobs

Dear Jacobs

My thanks for your about Willie Adams for me - I think it is likely I shall start for England June 12th & Alice in all probability will come with me - but I will write you letters from England before deciding.

Mr McKelvey has written to me - that he will come up here with us - & so will Mr Ball - Mr Wyeth - & Joe Sampson - & also two other boys - Alec & Edward. Mr Mair. seems to take great interest in the Indians & does all he can to help them. Why is it that Mr Cooper is so indifferent to Indian matters?

back after last holidays - giving him a full list of names - ages - dates of accounts &c - but he has [illegible] by letter which is very uncivil - & I cannot hear that he is doing anything to get the children sent back. I also wrote to him about Jackson Kalispaw - who is liable to arrest for having stolen several things. When he ran away last Fall. I think all the Indian agents ought to do their best to help us in our work on behalf of the Indian children. Perhaps you can speak to him & ascertain from him what he is going to do about it.

We have just got a new school master here - a Mr Kinsdale, he is a first class teacher & holds a 2d cl. certificate. I used to give $200 per annum to a master - but now we are giving $300 - our school is in splendid order now - & I have a large number of applications for admission - but I want to get those Nez Perces [illegible] agents back first - & it is very tiresome Mr English being so long in answering - all the Nez Perce agents have answered long ago

Yours truly
will be sent immediately
J. E. Wilbur

Bank Hospital

Specification - May 3rd 86.

1) The present Bank Hospital cottage to be raised to a 1½ storey building with a pediment as shewn in Sketch on N. & S. side.

2) 3 x 6 plan ~~in~~ moulding to be framed & nailed on the outside to form a pattern as shewn in Sketch & to be filled in with a veneer of stone work the stone being kept in place by a sufficient number of 6 in. Spikes driven into the woodwork.

3) The building to be sufficiently raised in height to allow of a 10 foot ceiling in the upper storey except at the angles of the roof.

4) The upper & lower flat to be partitioned off as shewn in plan with 2 x 4 scantling lathed & plastered. also the ceilings.

5) Two ornamental Chimneys to be built as shewn of red & white brick. The west chimney to be one already in existence carried up as shewn. The other a new chimney resting on partition as shewn in plan.

6) The lower as well as the upper flat to have a new tongued & grooved floor.

7) Doors to ~~be~~ upper & small ward & hall door to be panelled. ~~in~~ Upper porch door green baize - & other doors battened.

8) a single board partition to be run across the upper flat.

9) The whole of the front facing to be veneered with plank & stone work - & a verandah to be built as shewn.

10) Joists & studs to be placed at sufficient distance to make a good solid job.

11) Outside painting to correspond with the Chapel - inside walls to have wainscotting & the painting to correspond with the interior of the Shipwreck Home.

12) Window frames to be altered as necessary to allow for increased thickness of the walls.

13) The timbers of which Carriage house is constructed to be taken down & erected elsewhere when Mr. Mitchell may direct. & fresh lumber to be used for Construction of back kitchen. Back kitchen to have rough floor & up & down boards on outside battened.

14) The Roof to be well shingled - & ornamental wood work placed where shewn. Window frames & sills to be painted white - all two coat work.

15) The Roof to be well & substantially covered.

E. P. Wilson

3/17

No. 476

Rev. Dr. Bethune

Dear Sir

I received your letter last night & am this morn despatching Frank Jeffries for Coral Boat - He will I suppose reach Port Hope late Thursday night. I am giving him ticket for the boat & $6 for expenses. Please let him give you any of the money that is left & allow him 15 cts a week pocketing - He takes with him from here one new suit of clothes - 4 shirts - 4 prs socks - collars & pocket handkerchiefs. I have no night shirts to give him - If he needs these & a second suit of clothes will you kindly furnish & charge - also books &c - He is rather a careless boy about clothes but I hope will keep himself decent - Of course I do not wish to spend more on him than is necessary to make him decently comfortable at the Port Hope Boys. I hope you will not be disappointed with the boy -

Yours truly

S. D. Nelson

SAULT STE. MARIE

May 4/86

Miss Schneiders

Dr Madam -

I have just received
Yr letter of the 27th ult - & reply at once -
Miss Cunningham leaves the last day of
May - & would be glad therefore if you
could manage to take the Saturday boat
"Atlantic" May 29th from Collingwood - which
reaches here Monday early the 31st -
It has been usual to pay expenses up - except
under special circumstances - but as you
say you have had a good deal of sickness of
late I have pleasure in sending you $10
which will nearly cover the cost from Toronto
- I am going on a short trip this week to
the North West - but shall be back (DV) before
you arrive -

Yrs faithfully
C. S. Wilson

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

May 4 /86

Rev. Dr. Bethune

Dr. Sir

Enclosed you will find check for $100 and $37.67 in settlement of account. Wanbegequa left this morning by the "Atlantic" - & I trust will reach Port Hope Thursday evening - I sent you a letter by him -

Yr faithfully
S. F. Baird

I shall be glad when it is over ? - Yes write if you can. Don't hurry for - but like that it is impossible. Will try & - I enclosed card for Capt. June 12.

SHIRLEY BOYD
SAINT PAUL

May 20th/88

Dear Jack -

I have just got back from a most interesting ride to the N. West - I have brought back 6 Sioux boys & 1 Ojebway - You will see all about it in the Church Papers. I have also selected sites for two of the Branch Homes - 1 at Moose mountain 200 miles West of Winnipeg & 1 near Rat Portage -

I am surprised that none of the Missing papers have been returned to us either from Walpole Island or Sarnia - I hope that both you & the Indian Agents will do all you can to make the Indians keep their agreements when they sign them - It is a constant trouble & disappointment to us when they don't keep them - I am always willing to listen & apply reasonable. A Christian Sioux Indian wrote me a nice letter asking me to allow his wife to [illegible] home for the present as they I am sorry to do it & feel very sad - I [illegible] miss her very much & yours &

Which time I would like him to come here again to fill up his time - I think you know the names of those who ought to be back here -

Walpole I. Joe Lampson
McKenzie Randee
Alick Bird
Edward Bird

Sarnia - David Rodd
John Nepanosepik
Jackson Kalyan.
also several girls - the agents know the lists.

The boys that ran away Joe - McKenzie - & Jackson I understand were to be sent back first thing in Spring. The parents will certainly be charged with all the things that they stole if they do not send them back. The best way is to send them at once. I think they know me well enough to trust me - & that I only want to try & do what is best for their Children. We have 47 boys now & 21 girls - & all are in good health - except 1 girl Maria Thomas whom I am going to send home - I am willing to take Mollie & Johny Jacobs - they must sign agreements for 5 years & can come at once. Will send you a dozen forms - I am also willing to take John Lewis in Sept -

Yours sincerely
D. L. Wilson

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
LIBRARY

May 28th 1786

Rev. Solomon Mark

Dear Sir

I recd your letter of the 14th inst. I am quite willg under the circumstances to allow your little boy Jonas to remain at home with you for two years - by that time he will be older & you may be more willg to spare him - & I hope you will let him return to us and fill his time - In that case I will make no charge to you for his cloth - & you can show this letter to Mr. Thompson - I think the Indians would always keep their agreements with us unless there is some special reason. I hope your wife is quite well - & that God may bless you both -

Your sincere friend -

T. H. Wilson

Alexander Erwin is quite well - & many of all the rest - all the Miss Children are quite well - I have just got 6 Irish boys from the N. W.

No. 7899

Sault Ste Marie, Ont.
May 28th/86

The Supt. General
Indian Affairs.

Sir

My assistant telegraphed you yesterday that the two Quarterly Cheques for Shingwauk and Wawanosh - $600 - unendorsed - are lost - I hoped that said Cheques would have reached me before I left home for the North West May 6th - as I had parties depending on them for their payment - & I fear it caused great inconvenience & those parties may not be able to pay them before I left - The Cheques followed me to Port Arthur - Where I received them on my return trip - May 25th - I put the letter containing them into my hand valise - & my valise was stolen while lying for a few minutes on Plummers' Wharf on the Canadian side - I have detectives on the track & have put out bills offering a reward - but fear there is little chance of getting the valise back - I hope the Department will as soon as it is safe to do so - send me duplicate Cheques to replace those stated as lost -

I remain Sir - Your Obedt Servant
Edward F. Wilson

May 28th/86.

To W. Lamb Esq. Dukes.

Dr Sir

I enclose you Cheque
Can. Bank Com. No 1078 - for $80-
" " No 1084 - " 30-
$120

in settlement of your account for 30 bushels
Flour — per test J. F. Wilson
May 28/86

Messrs Merrely & Co:

Dr Sirs

I shall be much obliged
if you send at once a 70 lb Plantation bell to
the following address -

Rev. W. A. Burman
Griswold Station C.P.R.
Manitoba -

Your price as per your letter this spring I understand
is 25 cts per lb & mounting $4 - I will
send you my cheque for $21 50 directly I
hear from you that this is correct - The party
receiving the bell will pay carriage -

Yours truly
J. F. Wilson

May 31/86

Dear Jacobs -

How would it suit you to pay us a few days visit soon - I cannot tell how soon I may be going away again perhaps in 3 or 4 weeks - & I think it wd. do good to Thomas if you cd. see it all & be present at our Sunday Service - & then tell Mr. Dodwin & Otters all about it - I also think you might bring back most of the absentees with you if you were to come up - I will undertake to pay & pr. travelg. expenses - & you will be our guest while here - try & give us a send if you can -

Yrs. sincerely
S. F. Wilson

I have sent you a Report &c &c.
Thomas Thomas I send to know if will & when he can till I hear if you are coming.

June 1st 1886

Miss Rowell & Hutchison

Dr Sirs -

The Reports & circulars are duly received - but you have not sent the blocks of No 3 Woodcuts which I asked you to enclose & which I require for use immediately -

I shall be obliged & yr. to send me another Rowell's Diary & Law Remembrancer - as mine has been stolen with Watch.

Thanks for yr donation of $10 to our work

Yrs faithfully

S. E. Wilson

Enclose Bank Chqs for $65 on June 1st 1886

Bank of Montreal

Toronto

I shall be obliged & yr. to send me a deposit Receipt for $ enclosed - (Indian Homes acct)

		$	¢
(May 22)	Merchants Bank of Canada - A. A. Davis -	500	- 00
(May 29)	Bank of Montreal (Parkdale) W. Weatherley acct	400	- 00
		$900	- 00

Yrs &c

Edward E. Wilson

Ind. Homes

June 8th 1886

Hon. Dr. McKay
Dear Sir

Your letter of the 27th ult. just received. I came back from the N. West & have brought back 6 Sioux boys & 1 Ojibway. We have now 24 boys in the Home & 21 girls. I am very glad that you are so determined to use all possible means to make the Indian parents keep our rules in regard to their children. I presume it is the only way to make our work really successful or of benefit to them. I can present at present 24 new children but the difficulty is always here to get them to us within the appointed time. I think the Indian Agent at each Reserve can do more than any one else in this way. And I only wish the Agent would be as active about it as you are. I am sending you some of our new Reports & circulars. I have suggested to Mr. Jacobs that he should pay us a visit - from that I think he will be able to bring back the Sarnia absentees. The $2 for W. Riley received. Yours sincerely E. F. Wilson

June 3rd 73

Dear Jacobs -

Since writing you a day or two ago we have had a sad accident at the Wasaaa. The new Lad Superintendent Mr. Schneegans had just arrived - was stepping from my buckboard [illegible] & part of her umbrella pierced her eye - I fear she will lose it altogether - & it must be some week before she will be able to [illegible] She is a kind loving Christian lady - most anxious & competent for the charge of these Indian girls, so it is a great disappointment to us all - Under these circumstances it seems best to send all the girls home for their holidays at once instead of waiting until July 15. Could you not come as I proposed & pay us a little visit & take the girls back with you - If not - If you cannot we shall be obliged to trust them with Mr. Mossman - Of course he would not charge you for them until

the passing money is paid $4.50 for the return ticket to Sarnia - & 25 cts additional to Walpole Island. Will you kindly inform Mr. English & Mr. McKellar I am with band the children as soon as possible & ask them to collect around the money. We shall not send any of them until the money is received for all who are to go. And Miss Cunningham has kindly consented to stay & keep on till school until we are ready to send them. I have already received the money for Cape Croker pils - & as soon as I get the Sarnia & Walpole Island money I can all start.

Yrs sincerely

S. O'Meara

The pils are

Sarnia - Maria Howes - Eliza Posey - Charlotte Kewayosh
Harriet Jacks - Jane Jacks.

June 3d 1786

D. T. Chipps Esqr.

Dear Sir -

I received yours of the 24th ult. The charge against Paul Jehnubewabbenick for Cloth taken away was £5 5s. When Tibishokeshik promised to send the boy back this Spring - I cancelled that amount - but if he now refuses to send him of course he must be charged with it. There is no need for him to sign a new agreement, as the old agreement will hold good - all he has to do is to send the boy & let him make up his time. If he does this he need not pay the money.

Please inform Peter Obbicahbee' master that the boy will not be allowed to leave here in Autumn Cloths. If he wishes him to leave altogether he must provide Cloths for him to go home in. If he does want him home for holidays he must sign the agreement. This is our invariable rule. The boy is a nice little fellow & I dare say capitally. Yours truly D. T. Nelson

Chaska 47 boys between 8 & 21 yrs.

June 4 1846

Rev. A. Murray

Dear Sir -

I had intended going to England for 3 months this summer - but have decided now to put off my visit till next year - & want if the way so open to plan a tour of Nova Scotia New Brunswick & Quebec with a view to rousing up increased interest in our work among the Indians - As you have so kindly voluntarily taken up our cause in N.S - I hope you will not mind my looking to you to give a start & to direct us in your Province - If you think favorably of it - would you kindly as soon as you can find time let me have a list of the principal towns which it wd be desirable to visit (including P.E.I. if you think well) together with names of clergy - & I will send you a form for Parish Lists &c - which it might be well to have all printed & one or two leaving blanks for the names of the Parishes in each - I propose being accompanied by my son Henry & one of Pa-ghe-gee-shick's Indians (a Chief) who will dress up in feathers &c

at the Exhibition – also 16 large pictures 6 feet square illustrative of work which I have prepared during the winter & had intended taking to England.

I would like to know whether you think the Indian boys will be any hindrance to my hospitable reception at the Clergy & other persons houses – some people seem to have such a horror of Indians. Would it be desirable to bring two boys or only one? 2 will be merrier & happier – but would cost more – If one only he could sleep with me where accommodation was limited.

My plan at present is to leave here about July 20 for straight thro' to N.S. – thro N.B. thro Quebec – thro home. Going up about 2 months of the whole trip.

Could you do anything for me about reduced railway fare? Last time I visited N.S. in 1879 – it took 2 boys through on the Intercolonial for 25$. & myself I think half.

You will see about my recent trip to the North West in the Church Guardian – It was in every way very satisfactory.

Yours sincerely –

S. D. Wilson

Mr Grafton has attended to this greatly perhaps too much so, but it is into the hands of some one who will. I am also writing to the Bishop himself.

Circular + Sunday Schools

Superintendent Home
Sault Ste Marie
June 10th 1886

Dear Sir

I enclose you a little illustrated prospectus of our work here among the Indian children & am very anxious & solicit your sympathy & that of your Sunday School children in our behalf. I feel sure that if ever you could be induced to take it up you will find the children would become increasingly interested in it. Children naturally love to help children. They like to have something definite towards which to give their contributions, — and it surely seems a right principle that the Children of Canada should help the Indians whose lands we are now occupying. You will see by our prospectus that we are proposing to erect four Branch Homes at various distant points, — and I trust your Sunday School will be to be associated with one of these Branch Homes — which can be done by the contribution for 3 years to towards the [illegible] & support of an Indian pupil. The full cost of a pupil is $75

per annum for board & clothes, or if clothes is found $50. Small Sunday Schools take a child at $3, 50 or $25 per annum. Those that support a Native child receive 6 copies of Algoma Miss. News every issue gratis, those that support 2 a child 3 copies. Exam.n Reports are sent to shew the progress the child is making, and as soon as the child is capable of doing so, he (or she) will write a letter twice a year to the Sunday School.

Twenty Sunday Schools giving $50 per ann. for 3 years will produce $3000. We desire before 20 Schools attached to each of these proposed Branch Homes, & we believe this that with Government & Mission help they can be erected in that time. At present we have 45 Sunday Schools either wholly or in part supporting Indian Children in our Homes, viz Huron Dio. 14, Niagara 4, Toronto 13, Ontario 3, Montreal 5, Quebec 2, Fredericton 2, Nova Scotia 2. Several other Sunday Schools contribute smaller sums from Gen.l Fund.

When our Home is enlarged & these Branch Homes built we shall require support for 280 Indian Children.

I would earnestly intreat you to consider this proposal thoughtfully & prayerfully & kindly let me know definitely as soon as practicable. Meeting as I do you can accede to my request

I am dear Sir Yours faithfully
Edward R. Wilson

June 12/86

Messrs Meneely & Co.

Dr Sirs I enclose you my cheque for $20.50 for the bell which you have sent for me to Emerald Manitoba.

I shall be obliged to you by your furnishing me a bell for our Chapel here 200lbs weight. -but if you can do so - I would like it to be a bell of a particular note which could be used with others either for a peal or a chime when we get money enough to get them.

The cost of the bell with mounting will I believe be $70.

Please say whether it will be safe to hang this bell in the [sketch] 56 feet

Gothic frame belfry in our Church - height of belfry from floor to eaves 57 ft bay distance between posts (4) 2 ft [illegible], turn roof. Do not delay sending the bell - If belfry not strong enough we will hang it elsewhere.

Address the bell
Rev. E. F. Wilson
Shingwauk Home
Sault Ste Marie
Ont.

Yours truly
E. F. Wilson

June 15th/06

Dear Jacks-

I am sorry you cannot come just as you are able to come but in the Fall - I am quite well. Letter Alice Thompson & [illegible] - 2 years - left to welcome [illegible] ticket which the parent must pay you for + send the money home - We do not pay passage or except for my own children. I will like y. both Charles' children also & come at once & enclose you tickets for them via Collingwood - He can pay the money to the agent Mr. H. H. Thompson I think it is - I am sending you in a day or two a parent & book post.

I will let & my come home if Jabez Jackson sends me money for a return ticket $4.50. Y. children & widow must please send $4.75 for each of the 2 children. The 25 cts pays to bond through. All the parents must send money for return tickets who send children home - The agents have lists of them who are remaining here for return. Thos. Johnson has strained his ankle badly but is getting better - My friend J. Wilson

June 15/86

Rev'd W. Bingham

Since writing you - our Bishop has told me that he had almost finally arranged for a tour in N.B. after the Provincial Synod & thinks it a pity we should not go - as may [illegible] time - I therefore venture to defer my visit until next year - & hope you have not already made any definite arrangt -

I shall be very much obliged if you will kindly send & furnish me with a Synod Report of the Diocese - shewing the present addresses of the clergy - I shall probably take up Quebec & Montreal the summer instead of N.B. & N.S.

Yrs sincerely
S. D. Wilson

June 16/87

My dear Miss Schneegans

It is the greatest relief to my mind to hear that you are so comfortably cared for in the Home of the Good Shepherd. Had I thought of it before you left I should certainly have recommended you to go there. I did not think a private board house would have suited you under the circumstances - but the Home is just the thing & I am so very glad that you were just obliged to stay at the Good Hospital. I suppose Dr O'Reilly was at the head of it & prided himself on having everything so very perfect - but it does not seem to be so from Miss Mitchell's description - Dr O'Reilly saw fit to criticise the arrangements here at the Ship Island Home on a visit some few years ago - I am very sorry, that you should have had to undergo an operation at all - as I know how much

you dreaded it - still it was a comfort to have kind sympathizing friends around you - & I hope the worst is now over - & that you will be looking forward if it please God to gradual restoration to health & strength - We shall all welcome you back very gladly to Wawanosh - whenever you are able to come - which I suppose will be in a few weeks - & you will have a nice quiet rest until the quiet returns after the holidays - We shall I expect have quite a number as we have several post applications for admission -

We are just beginning to build our hospital here - & are using a part of the Cottage as a temporary one - little Amos, & Johnson who sprained his foot the day of the picnic have been the in patients - Miss Pigot is in charge - Amos is nearly quite well & has left today - Johnson is not yet able to rest his weight on his foot - but goes over this week in the boat to help every day in a Wheelbarrow - I am applying electricity by Dr Reid's direction - Please give my best thanks to all who have been kind to you - Yrs my sincere S. L. Wilson

Mr Price Mrs Lillie and all Neepigon

June 16/81

My dear Mrs Cary.

I desire to thank you – & through you Miss Mitchell – most warmly for y kindness upon Miss Schaeffer. What you did was exactly what I would have wished – & indeed had I thought of it beforehand before Miss S. left Lodi contains have recommended her to your entire care – I did not like the thought of sending her to the hospital – but could not think what better to do – Will you please thank for me most warmly all the kind friends whose hearts have been drawn out in sympathy towards her – Almighty God uses such sad occasions as these to draw out our better feelings & make us helpful & kind to one another – & I doubt not many good effects will follow – Happily the event itself was so very sad & distressing – Of course all expenses must be charged for. At present happily I have a few kind friends with me to help & cheer me

Yours very truly S. L. Wilson

June 1, 1876

Rev. Jacobs.

I received Yr. letter yesterday with $13 on account passage of children - but I cannot send any of their home until it pays me for the return tickets as that is now our rule. I sent a full list of our rules which have been approved by the Indian Dept. - both Mr. McKelvey & Mr. English - Chicago 27th Inst. I think it will be best to leave this matter in the Indian agents hands as I know from experience it is best for a missionary not to have any unpleasantness with his people - so I will write again both to Mr. McKelvey & Mr. English. It is I think my duty that we ask the Indians to do - just to pay the fare both ways for their children - to have no more expense - & to keep their children aiming money.

I am sorry from what you say in Yr. letter that the parents of the runaway boys are not going to take them back - I hope they would if we could get them - but I cannot consent to punish them - for after they have run away for what they had

stolen — I have now put the matter into Lawyers hands & they will be proceeded against & I expect will be sent to the Reformatory. I expect the parents will also be held responsible for detaining the boat which was stolen. The only chance for the boys is to come up here by the first boat before the Constable comes down after them.

I am sorry also to Mr. McKelvey & Mr. Sinclair that having waited since the Spring of navigation for the return of their children & failed to return & as after Summer Holidays — I can now wait no longer — & have today taken their names off the books — & the amounts charged against them for Institution clothes taken away — must be collected (as authorized by the Department) at the next payment. The children are —

Lavinia — Johnson Nepaumegezhik — David Rodd — Francis Adams — Susanna White — Mary A. Menass — Julia Kabayash — Mary Nepaumegezhik.

Wakaza — Alick Penasseus — Edward Penasseus.

Lawrence Rowe can't pay as a visit — We have every thing in splendid working order now & both the Farmers — & I have a number of applications —

Yours very sincerely —

J. L. Wilson

June 13 1788

Alex. McKelvey Esq.

Dear Sir

Rev. J. Jacobs has just written me that the parents of those runaway boys do not intend sending them back. Consequently I have seen Majr Ketchum & Hamilton - Lawyers on the subject & they are with me - I am sorry it did come this but I think we have waited long enough & the only thing now is for the boys to be arrested & proceeded against - I expect also the parents will get into trouble for detaining the boat - The only chance for the boys now is to come up at once by the first boat that leaves before the Constable comes down after them.

So I think you had [illegible] also lay charge for Mack & Edward Baird & I have today taken from me two Pocket books - You will be obliged to get complaints from the parents the sums claimed for cloth &c taken away - without further delay.

Rev. W. Jacobs I [illegible] me the following sums [illegible] assessment of Children who are to go

home for holidays. viz – Wilson Knapp $3, Charlotte Knapp $3, Nancy Jacks $2.50, Gracie Jacks $2.50. Maria Thomas $5.
She also has sent me $2 for Nancy Henry, but she is not on the list to go home this summer

As I notified you Feb. 27 last – the parents are required to send us money to cover return ticket namely $6 each before the children will be permitted to go home for holidays. Consequently none of the above amounts except Maria Thomas is sufficient – & the balance must be sent to me before the children will leave. I think it is very little that we ask the Indians to do – to pay for both ways for their children – to save us the expense – & to keep their children's clothing neat.

I wish you could pay us a visit & see our Homes. Every thing now is in splendid working order both the Homes – & I have a number of applications

Yours sincerely –
S. H. Wilson

June 15th 86

Wm. S. W. Jermon

Dr. Sir I beg to acknowledge receipt of Yr. letter containing $2.50 on a. Sampson Walboon's fare - I have also received the following from Wm Lamoandrin - $3 for Maria Jackson, & $5 for the 2 Mackpaw girls.

I think I wrote You Feb. 27th last - Not learning We be required send many sufficient to cover return tickets This is very little help to the Indians as they are put to no extra expense & retain their children's earnings may - the children Neepaw will not be sent home until the full amt is paid viz $4.50 for each one

Wm Lamoriandrin has sent me $1 for two Indian Dictionaries Will you please tell him that the price is $1.25 cts but I let Indians have them at $1 & can credit him 25 cts -

Yrs faithfully
S. H. Wilson

June 19/86

A. Sutherland Esq.

Dear Sir.

I wrote to you Feb. 27th last enclosing you extract from our Rules which had been approved by the Ind. Department - & giving you a list of Lamia pupils who had failed to return after vacation - I also wrote to you March 23d giving you names of boys who would remain here for the holidays. Not having heard from you since I must tell them you received my letter. I quite expected that Jackson Calgary who stole a canoe from us & decamped last Fall would have been dealt up ere this. Also that the absentees would either have been dealt up - or money collected from them & pay for the Scottish - of it which he took away. As this has not been done & I hear from the Rev. Mr Lucas that the boys who decamped are not being prosecuted - I have put the matter into lawyers'

Lands & the boys must take the consequences -
If Jackson Kabyaey wishes to avoid arrest he
had better come up by the next boat that leaves.

I shall refuse now to take back the children
who failed to return after vacation - & must
ask you to collect from the parents the
value of cloth taken away - viz -

John Nepaumepenik aged	13 -	$6.00
David Rudd -	13 -	5-00
Francis Adam -	14 -	6-00
Susanna White -	14	4-10
Mary A. Menass -	10	2-30
Julia Kabayeh	11	3-30
Mary Nepaumepenik -	16	1-90

I have consented for Thomas Jackson to go home
this fall - provided his father sends $4.50 -
cost return ticket -; $4.50 also must be sent
for Abram Isaac. Wm. Jacobs has sent me $2.45
for Wesley Jackson, but $2.05 must be sent before
he will be allowed to leave.

Yours truly
Edward D. Wilson

Messrs W. A. Murray & Co.

Gents -

Please make me 1 doz dyer
of the Colors as per latter & oblige - Can
send it down done in less time
than 3 weeks - I am ready for the stone

Jan 22/88

Rev. Geo. W. Bowman

Dear Sir

Many thanks for your very kind
letter - I did not think so much of hold-
meetings in Quebec itself as trying to work the
towns of the outlying parishes - as I think you
know - when I go round in this way I do not
ask for any collection at meetings or in churches -
I simply want to make known
to the people the Lord Jesus Christ - I do
not see how any clergyman can object to my
doing this - I must ask a warm reception all
over the Province of Richmond & Wolfe - my visit
will cost them a good deal - Would you visit
me in a City of places as I get less than 1000
inhabitants & the warm of the clergymen - as I
[illegible] myself I see how they feel
[illegible] will see you
[illegible] or

If you will take a Quebec Synod Report – & put a + against 'the likely places' it would be the same thing – In order to enlarge my work as I propose it is indispensable that I shd have some opportunity of making it more extensively known – & then each parish can decide what it will help us. I had particularly wished to do a little in Quebec diocese the last part of August – so as to be at the Prov. Synod when it meets – & the Lake Montreal diocese in the same way before going home – It is a great expense going all the way from here & then I go I want them to work also –

Many thanks for yr kind promise of £5.

Yrs very sincerely

S. T. Wilson

Boston June 22d 1786

Mr Thos Claxton

Sir: Please to send me the following —

2 fifes (E. flat) — No 456 at 75 ct each.
10 neat pieces No 312 at 25 ct each
1 drum sticks No 138
12 books of simple music & airs for fife & drum band

Yrs &c

Revd L. F. Wilson

Kindly let me know the cheapest rate at which we could get the brass instruments (2d hand) for a brass band for boys — how altered

Lam[illegible]

June 30th/86

Hayt. Reed Esq. Asst. Commissr. Ind Affs.

Dear Sir

In reply to yours of the 19th inst No. 900 - rel. to my opinion as to the Advisability or otherwise of receiving White pupils into an Indian Institution — I incline to think favorably of doing so - provided the White Children so introduced are of good character & are in the habit of using profane language which last I fear is only too common a practice in Schools attended by White children.

At the present time I am speaking from knowledge of White Children of respectable parents into our Chemawa Home on condition that the parent or guardian pays $20 per ann. towards expenses & provides the child with clothes. We have had two white boys in the Home this past winter & they are good friends with the Indian boys. My idea in taking a few White boys is not merely

on account of their helping the Indian boys to acquire good English - but with the view of imbueing the Indian boys with a little more of that spirit & perseverance which generally characterizes the anglo saxon race & enables them to make their way in the world. I think the more the Indians can amalgamate with their White neighbors the better. They are so much in the minority in this county as to members that I think it is unwise to treat them as a distinct race, they must learn to adopt our language & customs & in fact in time become Canadians, & I think they themselves in a great measure desire this.

In our Homes here no Indian is allowed to be of them except for one hour after tea each day & on holidays.

I remain dear Sir
Yours faithfully
E. F. Wilson

Ogdensburg June 30/86

Wm. Reed Esq.
Asst. Com. Ind. Affairs
Dear Sir

In reply to your letter of June 26th, No 11,51, suggesting Long Lake as a site for a Roman Catholic Home in Assiniboia, I had - with the advice of the Bishop of Ste Anne - selected that spot for the Home, - but hearing afterwards from the Indian Department at Ottawa that it was (as I understood) their intention to put up an institution there under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church - & there being already a Roman Catholic Institution at Ste Anne - I thought it better to choose a site further East - & for that reason often wrote with certain persons. As now the

locality - I have for the present fixed on Grouse Mountain.

The Indian Department at Ottawa - has not as yet given me any encouragement to proceed with my work - until they do so I am afraid it must remain rather at a standstill.

We have as yet £600 on hand at present towards the establishment of a Home at Grouse Mountain. I have asked the Indian Department this year £1000, - & perhaps train £3400 so as to make up the sum available for building & furnishing to £5000. I have also asked the Indian Department to grant me £1000 a year towards the maintenance. Unless these request are acceded to I fear there must be considerable delay before the scheme is carried into effect.

I take the liberty of sending you a copy of our last Annual Report - I remain dear Sir

Yours faithfully

J. H. Wilson

July 1st 18

My dear Mr Roswell

I delayed answering yr letter of June 6th to avoid any Communication crossing – & have now yr 2d one of June 19th & an endorsement of Andrew – My thanks for them both.

I – I, much pleased with all the St Louis boys – they are nice fellows – & seem very intelligent – All, with the exception of Thunder, the Kaw, learned my English at present. I am teaching them English twice a week – & also take them for my class twice on Sundays – I am gradually picking up the Dakota & can now make them understand me with Thunder's help.

Last month we – I took them – & a number of the St Louis boys on the Bishop's yacht down to the Indian village at Fort Rice where we had a picnic supper & spent the night round a camp fire under the trees – The St Louis boys sang a couple of songs in Dakota my sweetly & were

all enjoyed it greatly. Sagamanic has begun learning Carpentering - He does help in the farm & Ira — Thurston at school. Little Elijah is as busy as a Cricket.

I am very glad that there is a prospect of Dr Hall's Coming - & he is very much pleased about it - & quite looks forward & joins Mrs Left - if I can find you can take him.

I have been - think over this North West scheme - & the question arises which will be the wisest course.

(1) To wait till we get $5000, & erect a permanent Institution -

(2) or - to begin in a small way - buy or hire a small house - & take about 10 boys & begin with & work our way up.

I think my experience in the past is that the latter is of the two the best course - All great things must begin with small beginnings - & the more the difficulties at the start the stronger is the work likely to be afterwards. Dr Adams

that I have in my heart is to come up & spend
the winter in the neighborhood - or after the
change of Mr Burman's mission during his absence
- bring 3 or 4 Ojibway boys for a nucleus - & try
& start an Indian Institution - I generally
find that because people & pens may aid
my work I have boys in for it with determined
myself - & let them see that I mean & do it. People
are more ready to join when they see this - than
if it is mere talk about what we are going to
do when the money comes. My principle is
" If the work is right & you believe yourself called
of God to it - go in & do it - & God will find
you the ways & means.

I do not say at present that I am prepared
to carry out this scheme - there may be circumstances
to prevent it. but I wish to hear from
you. Let you think about it. I certainly do
not like the Indians days back. the best thing for them is
certainly to remain at the Hay ground - & I have a cattle post
Norman - Mr Mitchell - who will look well after them.
(over) Yours sincerely
E. Wilson

July 27 1881

My dear Mr. Murray.

Many thanks for yr kind letter just received - It is a great disappointment to me not to go - but I think it will be best for me to wait until after our Bishop has been - as I do not like to interfere with his arrangements - It is my kind of you to say that you will seek to keep down our work when he is met for Synod - We have a large number of pupils now - 62 boys & girls - The 6 Indian boys I brought down with me from the North west are doing very satisfactorily - they seem quite happy & contented & their intelligence - I hear them English twice a week & also take them for my Class on Sunday: as I know a little Cree & can read all their books - I have just received application to admit 5 more boys from the North west - My dear there is quite a stir & bustle here now since my visit - What am I to do - our building fund is about $800 behind - Yours sincerely C. H. Wilson

Feb 1st 1888

Rev'd & Dr Ambrose

Dear Sir. May I thank you for the additional contribution from Y. Sund. School of $3.70 towards the extension of our work to the North West. The 6 Indian boys I brought down with me this Spring are doing most satisfactorily - they are very intelligent & seem to be a superior people to the Ojibways. I have just received application for the admission of 5 more North West boys. What am I to do? Our Homes are both pretty well filled up - & funds for maintenance are low behind - I wish however to all send for them - God grant we will open the way for us -

Yours very Sincerely
S. H. Wilson

Had intended visiting N.S. this summer but find our Bishop is going - & he thinks it will not do for both to go, so must wait.

July 1/86

Dear Mr. Irvine -

Our Homes are well filled up now - & I am expecting several more pupils from various quarters - Still - with the view of establishing these proposed Branch Homes I think it is particularly desirable to receive a few boys from the neighborhood - so that after 3 years education here they may form the nucleus of a Branch Home either at Rat Portage or in that neighborhood.

I will therefore receive the 5 boys you mention on condition that they agree to remain here (without going home) for 3 years - & that the parents pay the railway fare to Port Arthur which will I think not be about $3 each. If the General Passenger Agent at Winnipeg be applied to & told that I am sending for the Shingwauk Home he will furnish the free tickets over the line for the boys &c. We of course want really boys - &

prefer them about 11 or 12 years of age – but if some of them are older & you particularly wish me to take them I will do so.

I brought down 6 Cree lads from Beulah & they are getting along very nicely & like being here. I also brought one boy from Rat Portage.

I enclose you steamboat tickets for 5 boys from Port Arthur & Ft Saulte. Our vacation begins July 16 – but I think it would be just as well for them to come at once – then will be about 20 boys remaining here for vacation. Work on the farm, garden, carpenter work &c. & we prize them pocketing if they behave well.

Yours Sincerely –

D. L. Wilson

I am sending you a Report & Circular.

London Jan 8th

Please Credit [illegible] Indian Woods [illegible]
advise me of the Credit in Canada
Currency — also Cheque on London
Banks (Williams, Deacon, Manchester)
for £12 of which also advise me —

Yrs truly

Edward H. Wilson

about 900 miles from here
I see about the establishment of
Grand Homes & keeps
down with me 6 boys of the
Sioux tribe - their appearance
& language very different from
Ojibway people - they are
fine particular[ly] intelligent &
have quite settled in with us
a day or two ago - I received
application for the admission
of 5 more boys from the
North West so we shall be

very full - We have 26 [illegible]
at present in the Shingwauk
Home & 22 girls at the
Wawanosh - 7 of eight - with
15 the largest number in each
dormitory. Just now
we are busy building a small
hospital down by the river.
It will be of stone & lime & will
be a part of timber & lath
& plaster. When completed
it will be a handsome little
building with 3 small wards
& 6 beds - Miss Sabine

No. 7900

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tears; the children. Our pupils are making
progress in their studies, and I think a great measure
has been adopted the plan of holding an examination every
6 weeks instead of twice a year as formerly. This
also acted as the suggestion offered by the Univ.
Government Inspector — in fixing the pupils best work for a
more thorough knowledge of all they do learn. They have also
made great progress in music during the year.
About the first week in May, I sent our Indian pupil Albert
Kanabepeja, to Trinity College School Port Hope. He is still
at my own expense, but for one term as an experiment
in order to prove to those who are so skeptical about the Intellect
ence of Indians that an Indian boy is as capable of acquiring
knowledge as a white boy. Dr. Bethune, the head master of
Trin. Coll. School, writes me from Eng.d — "We are all much
pleased with him in every respect — He seems to be a quiet
industrious & very steady boy, never giving any trouble & always
conducting himself thoroughly well.... I shall be very glad if you
can manage to have Albert sent back to us. I take a very
great interest in him & should be really pleased to see him
... & take a good position hereafter." The boy himself
writes to me (June 1st) — "I am trying hard to get a prize — I hope
to get it &c. &c. I work and study hard too —, the boys here
study till 10 o'clock at night. I think I will be head in
Latin, for I am always ahead in our form, and the boys
are so stupid they can't tell between nouns & adjectives, they
decline nouns the same as adjectives, I am the only one
that declines them right this morning."

Extension of our work.

I have written several times to the Department about the
proposed extension of our work, & the Deputy Supt.

advance last [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Spring [illegible] elected [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Homes.
names - Moose Mountain in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Island in Lake of the Woods in Manitoba. Of course
of [illegible] further can be done about these Branch Homes
until we see our way [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] funds.
At present we have about $600 toward the Qu'Appelle
Home & $350 towards the Home in Manitoba. The
Secretary has not at present grounds for encouraging
to proceed in the matter, but I doubt not the way
will be opened for us in Providence as it has
been in the past.

For the enlargement & improvement of the central
Institution, i.e. the Shingwauk Home, at Sault Ste Marie,
we have $2000, contributed within the last 8 months.
This is encouraging & we are already proceeding
with two long needed improvements (1) the draining
of the farm land in order to make it capable of cultivation
& profitable to the Institution (2) the erection of a small
hospital - separate from the Institution - in which to
place our pupils at either of our Homes who may fall
sick & require medical care. The hospital is now
in course of erection it is being built like the Chapel,
Stone work set in a frame work of timber; when complete
it will be a handsome little building & will have
accommodation for 6 patients. It is possible
we may receive sick cases from the Garden River
Indian Reserve if provision is made for their maintenance
& medical attendance. Dr Reid recommends this.

Boys from the Rat Portage.

I brought 7 boys down with me from the Rat

Absentees

One of the things that really causes me trouble & dissatisfaction is that the Indian Parents are not obliged to keep their agreements when signed for their children to remain with us a term of years, & that they can with impunity keep back their children after vacation, retain habitual absentees, & harbor runaways. I think the Government alone can remedy this evil.

Increased Grant.

I have to say one word as to the Increased Grant, asked for by Rev. Mr Lord a year ago for an increase of Salaries in the Maintenance of our Institution. I hope also that the Department will see their way to assist our Brethren in the Work here.

I have the honor to be
Your obedient servant
Edward A. Wilson

July 10/86

My dear W. Burman

I am very much surprised that you have not yet received the bell. It was sent June 7th as above & endorsed, & arrived when you got this you had better write to Meneely & Co, Troy, N. Y.

At what date do you propose giving lectures? As you know I really have thoughts of coming to spend the winter in yr neighborhood - big 3 or 4 of my Ojibway boys - & start an embryo Institution that may 15 pupils altogether. I fancy I work up this from the root with the latter than to wait for money & build a $5000 affair. Is there any house in yr neighborhood or about Beulah suitable for the purpose that I cd rent for the winter? If I did this I shd be able to block off yr Indians by some extent while you were away. but at present it is only an idea & I am not at all sure that I can carry it out.

Yrs ever and -

S. J. Wilson

July 10/58

A. McKelar Esqr.

Dr Sir

As the boys did not arrive on the Ontario - I presume they have again packed out of Chi - We have decided to have Mackenzie arrested at once - & the warrant is already out - Joe Laremy the owner of the Sail boat will prosecute him & he will be arrested by an Algonac Constable - You will have to do something & get him over to Algonac for the purpose - I wish the Dr & 2 boys Jackson & Joe to understand that we intend to arrest them also for stealing the canoe unless they are sent up at once. I am in hopes that the arrest of McKenzie will have the needful effect - I shall be glad if you will telegraph me directly the boys is taken - As it will have a good effect on the Indians here to hear it before they go away for holidays - I was told me last night that he will prefer remaining here for the holidays - So if his matter is settled he had better stay - If the vessel stays I will send him for the $2.50

Yrs sincerely D. D. Wilson

Shipwreck Home
Jan 15th/86

Dear Jack-

I find it impossible to come away from home just now - as Mr. Mitchell is gone in my place - & I think it is just as well for him to make acquaintance with myself & the Indian Agents & the Indians. He is my assistant in our work & must help them. There was no need for Ames' letter to send me $2.50 as we only charge $2 for widows. If Ames returns punctually after holidays I will send the second $2.50 back. We are sending all the children home in one or two the time - so that both they & the parents may enjoy each others society as long as possible until their time is up. The parents must

persist clothes for them while they are at home - & they can if they wish wear their own dresses on Sunday - at any rate they must bring the things back in as good condition as they take them - If any Indian Wo are well off like to give their children added clothes to bring back with them I shall be very glad for them to do so - & clothes so sent will be kept for the use of the children that they belong to I think Indian Wo are well off ought to help us in this way as much as possible as it is my extensive clothes such a large number of children

We have 71 now & nine still to come.

I would like Mr Mitchell to have an opportunity of speaking to the Indians about the proposed Normal School if you can manage it - No more has come yet for as many as I have room for - Yours sincerely

S L Wilson

Saint Mary's
Dec 18th

Alex. Mackay Esq.
Dear Sir

I have received Dr Letter
Cover Ps 4 for A. Sahpey & Ps 0 for
Geo. Johnson. I had already sent you
back Geo Johnson's note, Ps 0. His Ps
Count are Small pieces them. I had
intended coming down with the children -
but am unable to do so - as Mr Pritchett
is going in my place. He will tell you that
we have done about the runaways. Jno
Sampson will Hope come back with him -
Black Edward Rind I cant receive
for as I this not come down by land the
Canoes & I must pay for daily. All the
Children are going home in misfortune - the Parents
not employ them Daily during vacation - and
our Children in our good order at Comp.
Yours sincerely S. V. Wilson

Sault Ste Marie
Jan 3 1881

W. Hobbs
Esq

I accept your tender to build the two chimneys at the Hospital - yourself to find (or pay me for) all bricks used - also lime sand &c for the sum of Sixty dollars & fifty cents.

I also accept your tender hereof the new fire place, provided the bricks for the floor are laid on edge, & the parts in contact with the fire are laid with fire brick & mortar - yourself to find (or pay me for) all material. for the sum of Sixty dollars.

As there are other parties want[illegible] to get [illegible] - I will like them at once whether you accept these terms - & can begin at once

at the Hospital Chimneys - The finishing will not be ready to begin for about three weeks.

Yours truly
S. J. Wilson

July 16/06

Messrs John Watkins & Son
Sirs -

I accept your tender to plaster our Hospital. Good two coat work, grey lime supplying all material at 23 cents per square yard. Work shall be ready for you in about 3 weeks.

Yours truly
S. J. Wilson

CHIPPEWA HOME
SOCIETY

July 17 1788

Dear Joseph -

I have received yr letter of the 4th inst. ~~since~~ I saw you at Port Arthur I have heard it reported that you drink. If that is true I am afraid I cannot receive you back here at the Shingwauk. We have not had any drinking here among the boys for several years - & I would be very sorry for it to begin again. Your wife has been suffering a good deal from the bones on her face since the last vaccine & she is homesick & wants to go back & live father & Mission. As I have decided that her go - she is now waiting for a boat. She has put on my coat & dress & has grown tall - & I think can read & talk English a good deal better than when

the first came - She has left & the boys that will be enough to take her - I would give her more if she needed it.

I am in correspondence about the island on Lake of the woods - but nothing is settled yet so we cannot begin work there this winter.

We have 48 boys here & 23 girls - & altogether. Waubeseepeis is done & school & Post House & pelting splendidly -

Mean and kind
R K Nelson

SHINGWAUK HOME
SAULT STE MARIE

July 17 1881

Mrs Mercer & Co

Dear Sirs -

The bell has arrived & is a very nice toned one - If you write again - kindly tell me what note it is - & Rotten Stone came at a future time be added for a peal a chime -

I enclose cheque to cover yr acct #67 83

The Rev. Mr. Burman wrote me a few days ago - says that the bell sent by you would be sent across - Hope it has not gone astray - I told him to write to you direct.

Yrs truly

S. Wilson

SWEDENBORG HOUSE

July 25/86

The Ed. Dominion Churchman

Dear Sir

I notice that you have not inserted one or two of my late Communications - also that you take no notice of my book a Copy of which I sent you "Missing work among the Ojibway Indians" - I should be glad to know whether it is simply that you have not had room or any other cause - as the last long paper I sent I wrote on purpose for you - different to what I wrote to other papers. If you are not going to take any notice of the book will you kindly return it to me as I have only a few Copies -

Yours truly

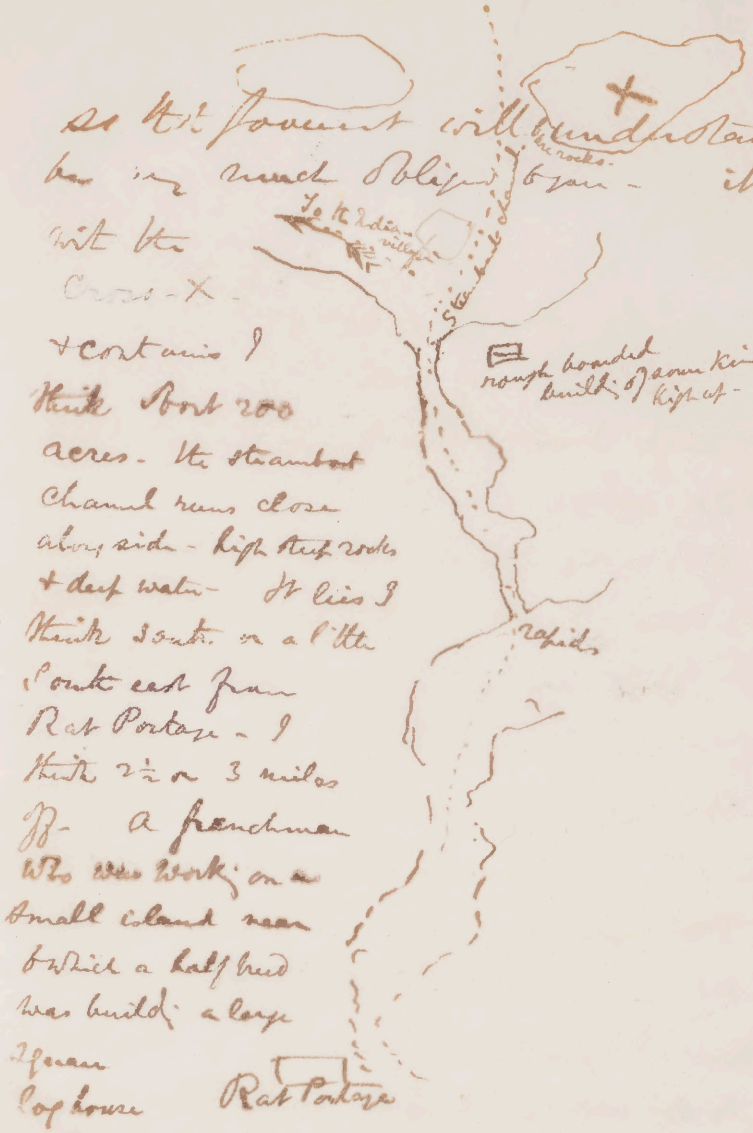
S. D. Wilson

July 23/86

W. McQuarrie
Sheriff &c Rat Portage.
Dear Sir

I am in Communication with Government in regard to an island near Rat Portage - which I selected last Spring think it would be a suitable spot for a branch Institution - The Government has just Communicated with me - requiring a more exact description of the position of the island so that they may know whether or not it is in the disputed territory.

Unfortunately - I had my notes & plan which contained tracing & description - so that it is almost impossible for me to describe which Island it is - If from my description you can understand which it is - then kindly describe the position



At the present will understand I will
have in much Obliged to you - it is the one
with the
Cross - X -
+ contains 1
thick About 200
acres - the steamboat
Channel runs close
along side - high steep rocks
+ deep water - It lies 1
thick South or a little
South east from
Rat Portage - 1
thick 2½ or 3 miles
P.S. A frenchman
Who was Working on a
small island near
by which a half breed
was building a large
Square
log house
S. from Rat
Portage mouth
with me + slept on the island -

Yrs sincerely
S. J. Wilson

SHINGWAUK HOME
SAULT STE. MARIE

July 24 '84

Very many thanks for y. kind and encouraging letter just received. I am so glad that y. Sund. School will undertake the support of a boy. Our plan is for the remittances to be made Quarterly in advance. Will it suit you to date y. Contributions from the 2d June last — or would it suit you better to begin Sept 1st? Dec. 1, March 1, June 1, & Sept 1 — are the days that the Quarterly payments are due. I think I will give you a picture of a Sioux boy Rose I brought down from the N. West this spring. His age is about 13 & his name is Jesse Eastman. As boys usually grow so fast & alter in dress and appearance, I do not like to send a picture of one boy & have another come. Cliff is a very fine little boy & I am sure will do my best for him — if he should not prove satisfactory he can be exchanged for another.

Yours sincerely E. F. Wilson

SAN FRANCISCO

Aug 27/86

Dear Mr Lessenden

I have spoken to Willie – who would like to get rid of you – He is a dear little fellow with very bright eyes – about 12 years old – & we shall give him a good outfit of Clothes – & full paraphernalia to dress up as a wild Indian – He is a capital little fellow & not ill at all now – I will send you $50 towards his expenses – directly I hear from you that you will take him – either by letter or telegraph – Also please tell plainly about the trains for him to get to you – Had he better come by Sarnia or Collingwood? S.P.R. is doing well for our homes – perhaps you will be able to induce them to help us – CCCS contributes by salary as one of the Missionaries of Algoma Dio. but no direct grants as from Homes – I do not get the photos the man is so slow – but will send them both with Report for Willie – Yours sincerely S. D. Wilson

July 20/80

Dear Mr Warner

I will take your two girls aged 13 & 10 - provided you sign an agreement for them to stay five years - & you must pay for their ticket coming up here $2.25 each - You can show this letter to Mr McKelvey - & he will see you sign the agreement - If the girls are to come they must come at once - I cannot keep the place open for them -

Yours truly

S. H. Wilson

July 29 '86

L. Bauer
Bank of Montreal, Toronto
Sir

Lendon your drafts as follows —

Ld. Departmt	No 26460 —	£150
Bank Commerce	— 1150 —	86-33
Union Bank L.C.	— 4625 —	25-00
		£261·33

Cr Rid Macaulay Credit & Indian Homes acct

Yrs Truly
S. J. Wilson

SHINEBANK HOUSE
SAINT STEPHEN

March 31/83

The Manager Bank of Montreal
Forest

Sir

I have just received yrs of the 27th inst. notifying me that my bill on London Eng. for £108.15.6 is protested owing to my father's death.

As there may be a little delay about it - I send you deposit Receipt for $600 (six hundred) No. 66507 of date March 27th 1883. Which please turn over to my Covenant (Robinson Ross) acct.

As I have already drawn several drafts on the above bill of Exchange - I hope it will all be paid as it comes in.

Yrs truly
C. H. Wilson

August 7 1788

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 4th just received. Isaac Lawson has paid me the money but I have received any more direct. The vacation is too far advanced now for any more pupils to go home.

Will you kindly ascertain for me from David Scadge - Whether he is anxious to return again to Dundas Coll: School Port Hope - & if so - Whether I can rely on him to meet the cost of Self & Family expenses as it is only on this condition that I can send him back for another term.

The way it stands is this - The cost for board & tuition is £240 - against Dick I have a balance to my credit for £120 - My eldest boy has left school - The question is Whether I should send another boy of my own aged 10 or David Scadge with his Mama - Our family Med in London says

$75 per annum for D. Osborn education at the Algonquin - This amt is available for him at Port Hope - leaving me $45 to pay out of my own pocket. As my own boy is so young - I am willg to do this - but cannot undertake any further expense. S. Bellamy Esq. has charged me $8 for D. Osborn trav. exp. - This should have been done - as I told D.O. distinctly he must get money from home to pay his travelg exps. and he must refund me this $8 before I do any more. Would not the Board do right to assist D.O. in getg his educatn. S. Bellamy seeks any help of him - He came out well in the examinatn so that it is a pity he should go back.

However you will understand that I wish to secure myself from incurring any expense in the matter beyond the $45. Will you kindly see about this for me - & I will let you hear definitely as soon as possible. As if it can be arranged for David to go - I will send my boy - we have to get him ready.

I am very glad to have got Jos. McKenzie back. I have told Mck. to look after the 2 mules - & joined him - I am, dear Sir, yours very truly, S. L. Wilson

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
U.S. NATIONAL MUSEUM

Aug 27/86

Dear Jacks.

Saw Mr McKelvey about David Oakley - He has been at Sun: Coll: School Port Hope. I am still to see Mr Sun again in place of me for my children - provided he finds his own board & keeps his own hav. esteem. Can he do this? - or will Mr Baird do anything? It will cost me as it is about $45 out of my own pocket. David was prepared for confirmation just before he left him - He said he pattern visited him the Confirmed as I prepared him - & he was sure he was Confirmed here at our Chapel - but left for Port Hope just before - Will you kindly see him & talk with him. Offer to keep with the Methodists. I cannot feel satisfied in sending him back to Port Hope - but cost is splendid - & Dr Bethune is anxious for him to come back - Kindly see about this as soon as possible that we know - yours truly C. H. Wilson

Aug 9th / 86

Revd J. J. Morton -

Dear Sir

I presume the gentleman of the above name who has just sent me $10 - elected on board the C.P.R. boat is yourself - I beg many thanks for the kind thought of us - I regretted very much not being the pleasure of meeting them at Bendoch last May. My eldest boy - Archie - is just now in Lewis with Mr. Roswell - so doubtless you will see him - & he will be a member of the congregation when you visit Bendoch.

Yours sincerely
E. H. Wilson

Aug 8 '88

Dr. Wm. H. Rutherford, Rutherford.

Dear Sir

You will remember
[illegible] for me my "Red Nose Club" last
year - Will you kindly undertake
[illegible] for me - and as the season is
advancing try & get it out as speedily as
possible - I want you - if you kindly
will - & get some expert carpenter to make me
1 doz ornamental racks for bold circulars
&c - The size of the large circulars is 8½ by
12 inches & of the annual Report 6 by 9 inches.
- So I suppose that the rack will need to be 19
or 20 in wide & about 30 inches high.

The enclosed notice of our Homes I want
You to print in an attractive ornamental style -
& paste (in 3 columns) on the upper part of
the back behind the circulars - Also to print

Mr. a number of envelopes with my address + put in the place for envelopes as desired.

The idea is to put them racks on the steamboats in Alaska + people can then read about our work + help themselves of the fleece circulars + reports + the envelopes are for them + send their contributions in.

As it is so late in the season I will not ask you to send me proof - but will depend entirely on your good taste in getting the thing out + I would like as soon as possible to put them on the boats. I will visit + Mr. Mulholland + ask him if he will kindly assist in the matter + will also communicate with the Managers of the Presbyterian - You might let me have 500 copies of the enclosed notice - leaving 12 in the racks + send me the remainder - + 1000 envelopes - as you indicate in yours.

Yours truly S. H. Wilson

Aug 13 '86

Dear Joseph.

Our Home is very full - & I fear we shall find difficulty in providing for all our pupils - still I do not like to refuse to take you back if you wish to come. Of course it will be great advantage to you if you can succeed in taking a certificate at teachers' Examination - If you come you must pay your own way here - & provide your own clothes as far as possible.

Yrs sincerely -

S. L. Wilson

Enclose you Annie's Exam. Report - & one Red Cross

SHINGWAUK HOME
SAULT STE. MARIE

Aug 3rd 1886.

C. Cameron Esq.
Manager G. N. W. Co.

Dear Sir

I propose on the 4th Sept to leave here for Toronto & Montreal - to hold meetings on behalf of my Indian Homes & to return home the last week in October - I shall be accompanied by 2 little Indian boys - an Ojibway boy named Willie Adams aged 12 & a Sioux boy from the North West named Elijah Coe aged 8.

You will surmise that my object in writing you is to try & obtain a reduced fare both by boat & rail - as I understand you run in connection with the N.N.W.R. & G.T.R.

Could you give me a reduced ticket from the Sault through to Montreal for myself & the 2 little boys -? the boat ticket might be a return one - but it would be no use to get a return from Montreal by rail - as I shall probably be travelling about in various lines before getting back to Collingwood.

Would you have any objection to my ornamental wooden rack containing cigarettes &c about one inch being placed on your boats?

Yours faithfully S. L. Wilson

PRINCETON COLL. LIBRARY

Augst 14/86

Dear Dr. Burrows

Very many thanks for so kindly acceding to my request in regard to your house. In the meantime - I have finally decided not to come up before next March. It seems wise to make a tour through Canada first & let the people know what Pierson is at present. I have no funds for carrying on a Branch House even on so small a scale. I expect to start Sept 1st & spend 2 months travelling with a little boy not more than a little Ojibway - & Mr. Rowswell's little Iroquois boy Elijah.

Of course it may not suit you to let me have the house in March - as it is one of the - may be it will take your place - but you will kindly let me know about this. If not I will write again before I leave - kindly write & Mrs Wilson wanted.

Yours sincerely S. H. Wilson

SHERWIN HOUSE
SAINT LOUIS

Aug 14 1866

My dear W. Roswell

We were very glad to hear from you that Archie had arrived safely & that he will get along well & give you satisfaction -

All the Sioux boys seem perfectly happy & contented here. Thunder seems strong in Presbyterianism - & Faith a little misses the services that he has been accustomed to - but he is a nice lad & may read & do all he is told.

I have decided not to go out again to the N. West until early Spring - and in the mean time I start (DV) Septr 4th for a few months tiff through the Eastern part of Canada is - Cold, metg &c - I am taking with me 2 little Indian boys - Willie Adams in Ojibway & Frank Levi in Delijah -

Eliz. she says he wd like to go — she does not seem at all shy —

Mr Smith on the Rock it is best to do this — as we have no money Perrin to start a Branch House even on a small scale at present —

If I find I can do it without too great expense I think of coming up to Mr neighborhood in March & remain till navigation opens the middle of May — Mr Burman offers me the use of his house — & it is quite possible I may go there — stay & collect a few pupils — but I must see first how I get on. on present grounds —

I am afraid I shall miss you then You leave in Sept — but you must by all means come & see the place — Mr Wilson is most anxious I see you both & you about Arabia & can put you up for a day or two if it suits you to stay —

Yr ancient —

S. L. Wilson

TRINITY COLLEGE LIBRARY TORONTO

Aug 14 / 86

Dear Dr. Ball

The Bishop has handed to me $48 — including $20 from yourself & wife towards my travg. expenses & trusted had I for me. Circumstances led to alteration of plan — so that I did not go as I had expected — & now that it has pleased God to take my dear Father — I think it is not my duty that I shd go. On the 5th inst I am expecting (D.V.) Lightbourn to start on a 2 months tour through the Eastern part of Ontario — with a little Indian boy & hold meetings & try to rouse up increased attention on work. As I think you & — I do not use collections & meetings — & for travg. expenses I depend on Special donations & pay out of my own pocket. Wd you mind the kind gift of $20 being applied to this purpose. Shall I refund it.

Yrs sincerely —

S. L. Wilson

Aug 20/18

Alex. McKelvy Esq.
Dear Sir

An Indian Woman Signing herself Widow Mary Kenodaquenaby or (Aly nee) writes me that she has sent for her by Isaac (Isaac Cameron?) —

Last autumn (by Cadotjeeks)	2-50
By ~~and to get~~ 2 Sk Flour	-75
" " the summer.	2-
By William Peter	2-50
Total -	7-75

And that I know she has become of it all. Have looked over our books & can find nothing of the 2d item 2.50 sent by A. Jacko. Will you please ask W. J. about it - that she sent it & if he has my acknowledgment. 2d item 75 cts was received & paid in cash by the boy. 3d item 2/2 also received & put to the boy's credit for hire & horse as he reports - 4th item 2.50 all ok received.

The 5th Mr. David Dealy Sr has sent home as I am told Mr Bethune to draw out. If abroad sent to Hope that is known. We shall have to punish the Rebel - Yrs truly & Wilson

Aug 20th 62

Mr Theophilus Beeson

My dear friend -

It was my pleasure to receive yr letter giving such a high account of your children - & Hattie was very pleased with the one from Laura - I am very glad the people on the boat took notice of them & thought they were big well. Jim says Laura & Hattie will visit them & tell them to be good & come back here again. I am afraid I cannot take the little girls this year as we will be too full - but I will try that I can the next year if we live - Five more boys arrived yesterday from the North West - We have 12 altogether now from that part - I expect we will have about 20 children altogether this winter -

I am thankful to hear you are getting [illegible] you

Yours truly S Wilson

Aug 20/82

Jas. Woods Esq.
Dear Sir

We have to ask for a settlement and endorsement of #27.50 on Swart Altman's account. We have a far greater number of pupils now than ever before. 55 boys & 23 girls - with no vacancies. 5 new boys arrived 2 days ago from the North West. Will have 6 boys left a number from Sandy Lake & other up country on or on Red River & North to winter. Mr. Riddy who is very fond is wanted in Jones room. We have finish a supply for a child. We shall be very glad of any clothes you can send. Please make up a large box of provisions & send it by freight as early as may be convenient.

Yours
J. L. Wilson

INDIAN HOME
SAULT STE MARIE

Aug 25/86

To Manager Bank of Montreal
Toronto -
Dear Sir

Please credit
Indian Home acct -

Rs 203 -	Imperial Bank -	15-00
" 1172	Can Bk. Commerce	100.
" 6891	" "	37-50
		$ 152.50

Yours
S. K. Wilson

Aug 23/87

My dear Dr Bretherton

Have this day heard from Dr. Jewell of London that St Paul's School will increase their contribution from £75 to £120 for the current year - as a token of David Anderson remains for the present at Port Hope - So you may depend on him for a pupil provided he gives satisfaction both of which terms I do.

I would like very much to send Llewellyn back with Beattie - but Mrs W. very justly has already come to the conclusion that it will be better to get a governess for our girls for the next year - Otherwise Llewellyn is attending school here with the Indian boys & I think will not get beyond them at that time.

I am afraid also I will not be able to send Beattie [illegible] of present year, as I think you know I have 10 children growing up & it is my desire by every possible means all in my small

income. I think at end of next Limf term we shall leave Lahore for Port Hope for a year or two & then (if we can get bungarees) start afresh with Stewart & his 2 young brothers Norman & Keith.

Could you name any lady to me who would take undertake charge & work nurse & comb combined.

We are erecting a small hospital 6 beds — it will be ready in a few weeks & adjoining it is a cottage with 3 or 4 rooms. We propose for the present to reside in the cottage & board herself in company with an English lady (grey headed) Miss Pigot — Who is a great friend of our Homes — living on her own money — & giving us her services free. Of course at times the hospital will be hopes be empty & then patients come for — at other times there may be a dozen or more requiring constant attention — Our children's lessons will be more or less accordingly — But then we shall have Miss Pigot at hand to help us. I had thought of offering Rs 250 or Rs 300 salary for the lady & board herself. Rooms, furniture & carpets will be found for the cottage.

Yrs sincerely
S. H. Wilson

SMITHSONIAN DESK
AUG 31 1886

Aug 24/86

Dear Mr. Rowan -

Many thanks for yr welcome letter of Aug 13 - received through Bobby -

I fear Not two of my letters written by our Col. Scott never reached you - the first one Jan. 6th enclosed $25.00 towards buying an organ for the Reception Room - the next one about April - requesting you to send the usual Report to the Col. & Col. Ch. Scott - I never got any answer from you hearing of them - I did not like bothering you back then - but I expect you forgot it.

Our boy Bobby is now here - He has grown very much - feels at first, & likes his work & Portland - One of our shipmates boys is now at school there - Archie Wilson - His name is "Wanderpool" I forget his first name - he has only been

me term as yet but is getting on splendidly. In a recent letter he says "I am always at the head of the little class, the boys are as stupid as dunces can be & decline nouns & adjectives." We have 6 Sioux boys here from the North west & 6 Ojibways from the neighborhood of Lac Seul in Manitoba. Mr Irvine the Missionary at Lac Seul brought down 5 of them last from his mission about a week ago. We have 53 boys now on the School list & 23 girls. I have been busy with the Indians the last few weeks building a wigwam — it is in the front between the Institution & the sheep & when finished will be exactly like an ordinary Indian wigwam — 36 feet diam at base & 30 feet high. In the lower part are the play room, shoe room, & bath room — & upstairs are 20 bunks for the boys. The big log fire place in the centre. Jean sends me the Missionary. With kindest regards & best wishes — Yrs sincerely T. J. Wilson

Aug 25 '88

Messrs Powell & Hutchins
Seattle

Please Ship as follows:-

1	Ledger	8 x 13 inches	about	600 fol.
1	Journal	8 x 13 "	"	800 "
"	"	8 x 13 "	"	350 "
1	Day book	6½ x 16 "	"	800 "
1	Cash book	6 x 13 "	"	200 "
25	Composition [illegible]			
12	Flat stone Rulers - 2d sort.			
6	Ruling Pens - Quill			
1	" Square		Cap. Pattern	
6	Ruling Pens - Steel			
1	" Dr. Cash.			
2	" Pens (best for account & Memo)			
5	" [illegible] with headlines.			
2	" ruling books (for beginners)			
2	" exercise books.		2d sort Oct. Rulers	"
2	" Scribbling books		also 2 do 1st	"
2	" Cribbage cards.		also 1 "	
2	" small pocket books.			
1	" Memo Plain.			
1	" pocket edge - reference - Memo.			
2	" Copy Books.			
1	doz pencils Lead & Rubber.			

Yours truly
[illegible]

Aug 28/86

Dear Jacks-

It will be my foolish if David Osahpee not return to Port Hope now he has the chance - a 3rd cl. certif. is not any good - & to be a little more educated he might do much better than that - I have already paid for him one term in advance - & am keeping back a boy of my own so as to enable him to go - His Sunday School has increased their contributions so as help pay the expenses - So I hope he will go & that he passes the exams. or not -

I am sending papers & tickets for the Juvenile to Mr. Mickelborough - & have asked him to forward to Rama ones as I do not know the agent there.

I wrote you some weeks ago about Willie Adams going to England with Mr. Hesseuden - Mr. H. did not take him after all -

On the 2nd of Sept I start for Montreal & attend Prov. Synod - & shall be travelling 2 months in Eastern Ontario - with Willie Adams & a little Indian boy named Elijah

Yours truly
S. H. Wilson

Aug 28/06

Dear McKelvey Esq.
Dear Sir

I have received yr Letter of 26th inst. & in reply am will. to state as yr recommendation — James Henry's name & the Hon Inq — also the 2 Freeman girls — I enclose you tickets — which the parents must pay you for — & am sending 7 blanks of agreement. 1 is for John Lewis of Keith Point — & the other 2 for Mollie & John Jacks of Rama — You will oblige me very much by sending agreements & tickets to the agent there as I do not know who it is — Three children are related & taken from the Rev. J. Jacks — & I am taking them at his request — Mr. Jacks writes me that David Walker is going up for trial this week. Should he get a 3rd. class. prob. will not return to Port Hope — I have already paid the fees in advance for one term — as I think it will be foolish for him to attend two — And I am keeping back a boy from going up & bring him to Toronto — Mr Hall sent 59 boys & girls this time. Yours sincerely J. D. Wilson

Aug 20/86

Dear Dr Bethune

I have heard from A. McKelvey the Indian agent, Wallaceburg, that David Oakes's father is prepared to pay for his son's [illegible] & trav. expenses Nile & Island - so if not too much trouble will you kindly send bill for those items in future to Dr. McKelvey. He is a good business man & will attend promptly to it. He says in his [illegible] you the bal. of $3 for the last trav. exp.

Enclosed herewith you Receipts & Notes

Jos Bertin	due 1st Sept	$64.30
" David	"	$17 64.85
		129.15

For Rich Denton Drafts -

Bank of Montreal	$79.00
" of Commerce	$50.15
	129.15

I will pay for David's books &c. but please ask bal - any particulars -

Yours sincerely
S. F. Wilson

Aug 28/86

Mr John Macdonald -

Dear Sir

Jan supplied us last year with material for our Indian Homes - & I shall be much obliged if you will now fill the following order

3	pieces	factory Cotton (strong)
1	"	Hessian -
1	"	" for pillows
5	"	grey stoffe (no pattern)
1	"	towelling - (crash)
1	"	Slate lining
2	"	blue drill (for boys' coats)
3	"	Kentucky Jane (for pants)
2	"	Canton flannel (red)
25	yds.	White table cloth (medium)
1/2	yd.	Scarlet cloth for trimming uniform coats
1/2	"	blue " " " "

Yours truly
S. L. Miles

Aug 31/86

Rev. C. W. Nichol.

Dear Sir I have read y letter of the 29th inst with much interest & you seem anxious to engage in Missionary work - in many ways I shd think you wd be well fitted - If of course the first Q is that same that we are called of God to the work - If it could be managed I shd like very much for you to join in my work. The chief difficulty at present wd be comfortable accommodation - Then - is it y. idea to come direct as a student & prepare for Holy orders - or wd you wish to render us some assistance in our work - as teacher or lay reader -? We have so many boys here now - that it might be necessary to have some assistance in the teaching line - Also the Indian Mission at Garden River is at present vacant - & I have to throw as little as possible [illegible] service. I expect to be in Montreal next week at Rev. Lyons - & must see

Bishop - Rev. I will talk over it case with him - Should you wish to write my address will be Box 12 Ottawa, 19th Brockville.

Yours truly
S. F. Wilson

Aug 31/86

Rev. Rec. -
Dear Madam
Yours of the 23rd inst. I am sorry to hear that your Miss. union proposes holding an Annual Home in the Ottawa. I have - It is just that we want to help a few Miss. unions & Sunday Schools interested in the work - I am only sorry to be the means of Rob. Brethren - Our Society I start on a tour next month through Eastern Ontario with a little Indian boy.

Yours truly
Edward F. Wilson

Oct 19 1786

[illegible]

[illegible] apples you want
me [illegible] pay them on [illegible]
Will you please send me [illegible] more
4 barrels of white apples - want no
but such as are fit for [illegible]
Some time
How dont [illegible] - Hope you [illegible]
you - How you do [illegible] on [illegible]
or can [illegible] on you hand - ?

Yr [illegible]
S. D. Wickson

If you can send me some packed apples
[illegible] pack well packed - I will
[illegible]

Oct 19th 86

Dr. S. W. Jarvis -

Dear Sir

I have received yr two letters of Oct 9th - on my return from below - & have written to the Dept's about S. Wadsworth -

In regard to Mr Mallard's children - it must depend on better times boys or girls will wander at present - Our girls Home is already full - but we will take a few more boys -

I am sorry that Pat Joseph Mackay ran away from here last Friday - before I got home - The reason from what he did tell me, was that he had no clothes - but I think it is too long an reason - probably he took some notion - & I am told that when he arrived here after the Friday he left the value of two dollars in his pocket - with intention of buying - but he does not mention it now - he will be cleared from Abbey Mrs Mary on Sabbath - I have known - as he was paid on -

Yours truly

Samuel D. Hinman

Mr. J. Chess Oct 20/86

Dear Sir

I understand you
have some first class butter
to sell — if so please send
me 20 rolls by next boat —
together with price for the same.
I shall judge by quality of butter
& yr price whether to send further
orders — If not able to
supply the butter let me know at
once —

Yrs truly

Edward H. Wilson

Oct 18 - 86

Mr. S. Lukes —

Dear Sir

Please send me
at once 30 barrels of flour
the same as you furnished
me last year — for which
I will pay cash — Be sure
it is as good quality as that
you sent before —

Yrs truly

E. H. Wilson

The Manager
Bank of [illegible]
Dr Sir
Enclosed please find
Cheque for $162.61 [illegible]
Please credit [illegible]
acct —

Rev. 6/86

My dear Dr. Stephenson -

I am very glad that the St. James' S. School has so wisely decided to take upon work & support a boy -

I have great pleasure in handing over to you a nice little fellow 10 years old with a bushy head of black hair named

PAUL GUHNUHWAHDUMIK

otherwise - SAHKOONUHWA.

He comes from Lumpt River - North shore above Manitoulin Island - is an orphan -

Enclosed form will show you our plan for remittances - Will you kindly

Write many letters -

We are sincerely -

[illegible] Marie

Dear Jacobs —

Kindly tell Alice Thompson's father that his daughter is perfectly well & well clothed & cared for. Miss [illegible] is a capital manager & all the girls look as [illegible] & comfortable as possible. I never saw them look more thoroughly happy & merry than they are at present.

Neither girls nor boys have to pay for any of their clothing — but if they are careless with what is given to them or wilfully destroy their clothing they are liable to be fined. The parents are quite at liberty to provide their children additional clothing if they like to do so — but if too poor to do so we do not expect it — they may be quite sure their children are thoroughly well cared for. It is very unwise of the parents to send their children large sums of money as they only waste it, 50c or $1 is plenty to send them at any time. We have 54 boys now [illegible].

Yours sincerely, E. F. Wilson.

[illegible] Marie
Nov [illegible]

Dear [illegible]

[illegible] first letter [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] received — & I cannot understand how [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] receive [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in Council had [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] aged 13 from Neshegwaning on Manitoulin

Dates [illegible] to be Superintendent
— Dr. Robertson [illegible] and
particulars as [illegible] will
step in the Rs has done
so — I will see her [illegible]
take her — It is according
[illegible] of the Pres' Board
Scott to understate his work
& Hope [illegible] will become interested
in this Indian petition — Pr.
[illegible] the remittances paid
[illegible] in advance if it can
be done — as soon as ended
[illegible] from —

Yours truly —

S. H. Wilson

Please let Robertson see
[illegible] & the draft
from Ks date & $1250 pm Dr.

P.S. Dr. Wright [illegible] called [illegible] between you
& me, that I believe the trouble is
caused by Mr. Hunsdin's correspondents —
Five men people as Mr. Donaldson
[illegible] — Mr. tried to keep him from
coming [illegible] in the first place — & I think
[illegible] he [illegible] can [illegible] to [illegible] him
back against the place — The Rev
boys seem to be perfectly contented —
but Mr. Hunsdin has twice asked
my leave to go home this fall — giving
various pretexts — $15 which
came for each of them (Hunsdin & Ben)
I understand for them in Louisville
[illegible] can draw it in small sums as
they want it — or draw it with Stamps —

Yours

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Sault Ste Marie
Nov. 11th 1881

Dear Sir

I received your letter
dated — & in the following instructions are
inquiries as to whether the cause of the
complaint — In reply to the questions.
— How the boys are getting along & whether they
seem contented — I have never had a more
& more quiet well behaved set of boys.
Our school master Mr. Trissdale reports of them
that "they are getting on well with their studies &
progressing as well as any boys could do whether
Indians or Whites — Thunder could not manage
boy Dick well when he came, but now is
very fourth vulgar fractions. The Sioux boys also
I received were learning 'Fractions' are now
well on in 'Decimals' which he also began
& Bob & Tom twins.

11. How do they get along with boys of other tribes?
We have two Chippewa boys — Obj Chippewa — and

We are all very good friends with them — Of course in every school there are two or three quarrelsome boys — bullies — and it is the same here. The Siam boys in a room by themselves — they are of 2 or 3 boys who have been promoted towards them — & there are 2 or 3 in fits as had to have objections boys.

III. The Shandon was suffering a little from his eyes when I arrived home from the East 3 weeks ago — but he is quite well now. He says he has suffered from them more twice before he came here.

IV. I have made full enquiry about the food — the matron, Sch masters, Asst Manager, Siam boys, & Dame's Officers down & find they all have present during the enquiry.

Shandon & Bear both deny having either complained of the food.

Pitamanoni says he has not complained about it. Sunthorn did not put forward his

sometimes with enough meat - Remember 2 or 3 hands that be divided for use & for dinner - hands some boys might have bitten off his plate - Have bed plants this week -

Two Seal, the matron. Says all the boys every day have meat for dinner either pork or pickled - & the boys that work all day have meat for breakfast as well - Says plate well supplied - & can always have more if they require it - She uses about 2½ barrels of flour a week & 1½ bl. of potatoes - & no limit for meat - About twice a week the necks of pigs are for the boys - for breakfast they have porridge, bread, syrup, & milk (& workus meat) - for tea - bread with syrup or butter - & sometimes pudding or cake. After every meal there are 2 or 3 heaped up plates of pieces of bread & meat that are given away -

Dined - I was here at the Nursery Room Notation & [illegible] & [illegible] & [illegible] as I got there -

Flandreau - says that at the school he was at in Illinois - the boys had all meat for dinner & the workers had meat for breakfast just the same as we do.

Mr. Swisdale says there is enough on every boys plate for a man, — that they get more than they can eat, — that at many boarding schools they don't get as much as these boys to eat.

I hope the Indians at Beulah will be satisfied with this explanation. I have been at school myself 500 miles off — & they often write home complaining about food &c. but I know there is no ground for it — it is usually homesickness that is at the bottom of such stories — No institution could or would afford to injure its reputation by starving its pupils. The 6 Sioux boys are all of them quite well & quite happy & the parents are not content that they are well cared for & that's enough —

Yours truly S. H. Wilson

Nov-12/86

Nov. 12/86

Madam

I have just received Yr letter of Nov. 5th & am very glad that St Stephens Church School has undertaken the Support of a boy - I am much pleased in giving him the name of Peter Re-gan-a-we-nah - a little fellow 9 years old from Sha-ka-pow-nings on Manitoulin Island - His measure is as follows

If any remittances have already been sent for the support of a boy will you kindly let me know How he came - Whether direct or through the Indian Agency - I notice the following in the Bishop's letter to the Bishop of Toronto - "I am glad to find that Mr. Wilson has succeeded in getting a boy from Manitoulin Island to be brought up at the Mission School at Hamilton" - Yours truly

Mrs Wilson

Mrs Wilson Hamilton

JOHN DALE ST. MAN
MANCHESTER

Liverpool 12/82.

Messrs Robert Rayner & Co.

Dear Sirs -

On my return home from the East a couple of weeks ago I was handed a letter from you having reference to a bale of cloth for Indian dress sent out from England per S.S. Scotland -

There is a mistake in charging us duty for contents of said bale - I have never done the trade & was paid duty on articles of cloth made by Messrs Peters in England when sent out for use in our Institution - Please therefore come to the understanding of "Cloth for Manitoba Mission" & save duty per -

The mistake seems to be with the owners of the bale who appear to have instructed the agents of the S.S. Line in England that duty was to be paid - I will send you cheque when you can let me have $24.50 refunded - or tell me to draw & apply -

Yours truly Edward F. Wilson

SHINGWAUK HOME
SAULT STE. MARIE

Nov. 13th

Manager
Bank of Montreal - Toronto -

Sir I enclose you draft on the National Prov. Bank of England - No. 1-791 - for the sum of £102. 15. 3 with which amt please credit my Indian Home &c - less 1% charges - & advise me of its receipt & the amt in Can. Currency credited to me -

I presume - I can draw cheques on this at once - I have been waiting until I got it - & a number of bills which will be in presently -

Yours truly
S. H. Wilson

SHINGWAUK HOME
SAULT STE. MARIE

Nov 13 78

Hon Abraham Dept Supt.

Dr Sir I have to acknowledge
with many thanks the amount of $6.75 from
Rev C. S. Mitchell on account
support Indian boy -

I am sorry I must ask you to support
another boy instead of Wm Jackson this
year - as the Indian Agent writes to tell me
that he has been sick for several weeks & he
does not think it advisable to send him
back to school - I have been with the
boy all last summer before mine - as he might have
become seriously ill - I hope you
will not mind this other boy in his place
& I had recommend Geo Cromarty - a very
promising lad transferred by Rev Mr Cameron from
Rice Lake Mission in Manitoba -
he is about 12 years old -

Yours sincerely
E. F. Wilson

We have 80 pupils now in all.

Nov 12/63.

Rev. H. B. Thomson
Dear Sir.

Yr letter of Oct 28th was a long time reaching me - & I am afraid even now I cannot give you any very satisfactory reply until I have corresponded with the Bishop of Algoma - who has only just (as I see by the papers) returned from England - I am afraid I cannot offer you any post at present in connection with our Institution - as all positions are filled - but if you are really desirous to work among the Indians - I still think the best plan would be to be ordained first, & then apply either to a bishop or some Missionary Society for an Indian mission - If you will write me fully any Indian parents & visit - I shall be happy to render you my help & assistance -

Yrs sincerely
E. A. Wilson

Rec'd Nov 13, 63

I have the honour - to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of Nov 3rd - & to say that I will be very happy to render him all the assistance in my power - I have always been willing to receive students for the Algoma Mission - but in consequence of the great distance - & the difficulty of getting there - & back - & the expense attending it - there is very little probability of any one's offering himself - I will write to the Bishop of Algoma - & will do my best to clear the way for your friend - & will apply it (as I presume Mr Hamilton) has written to you - I shall be happy to see you during your visit to Toronto -

I have the honour
to be
Sir
Your obedient Servant
W. McMurray

Nov. 16th 88

Dear Lois

I've Chose for £152. 15. 3 no
weird wafers & I have sent it on to the
Bank & already drawn a Note of in
anticipation & long the Money just due. I am
glad you were able to send the extra £10 -
Tis so Hot we need Flannels still & £20 each
quarter - but have been very well at the cost
year or two I hope the Children will
Well for an increased grant from Government.
Will make it easier to manage - I
don't think it would be better for you to
let it run at 5% Mr Coult - just to give us
a little breathing time - which can be
deducted in - even if less than £52 - it's
[illegible] for at as I can

& do – or else if Dr Rutt will send me
a cheque in time for me to put it by Quarter
day Jan 1st or – but I dont much like those
cheques & letters of credit the mail out here is
very slow & not very safe in winter just Indian
& Hops – Could not Dr R. deposit for me
direct in the Bank of Montreal Toronto "Indian
Homes acct" & notify me & the same time
how I cd draw cheques at once & save delay?
If any special donations are received – they
cd be added to the quarters cheque – keeping back
perhaps a part as a reserve to fall back upon –
Please thank Dr Rutt very much for his
kindness in undertaking the treasurership &
Jane will send address &
would write to him – You will
I am sure let us have the cheque for the year as
early in January as you can – I will try to get you
(printed) so that you will receive
this first week in April – I had hoped
may have settled it, but it is so long
I'll write

Nov 19/80.

Dear Dr Bowers -

I read your letter addressed to Swayamma + sent her the $20 to his credit in our Savs Bank at 4 % cent. all the Dioua boys are perfectly well - well fed + cared for - + by the way they play about with the Dioua boys I feel quite happy + contented - They are also getting on uncommonly well at school + really good progress - Swayamma is learning carpentry, Ben blacksmithy + Basil weaving mats - Thear 3 am I work at school + I work at trade alternately - The 3 boys Thunder, Jean, + Elijah are at school all the time - They can all learn + talk pretty well in English - Elijah officially. I am sorry that some of them will stay home in a discontented way + their parents - as I am

Some K. have not yet made complaint of— Mr Dawson, the missionary at Lae Lent, who came to see us in the summer said that he never had a happy contented body of boys— & yet 2 of the boys he brought with him ran away & succeeded in getting home— & have given us a very bad name among their people— The other 3 boys who came from Lae Lent are petty & splendid— & one of them first broke the other day that he wanted to stay even 3 years. It is only home sickness that makes any of them want to leave— When the Mr Lowes sick & Mr Dawson themselves were with trouble.

Yours sincerely

Edward R. Wilson

Nov. 25/81

My dear Ld

I received your circular of the 19th inst
this morning — in which you ask our
individual opinion as to whether two separate
Conferences representing the Eastern & Western portions
of this Province should be held during the
next summer — or whether one general
one of all the Clergy shd be held at some convenient
point next summer — I certainly think the
second of these proposals will be the most acceptable.
Many of the Clergy of the E. & W. parts have
never yet met — & they think for such mutual
intercourse as this would afford
would be
well to hold the two as I would suggest
to you the idea of a triennial Synod the same
year & a few months preceding the Provincial
Synod (this suggested) the intermediate years a local conference
one in the E. & one in the W.

I remain my dear Lord
Your faithful
S. H. Dorlan

The North West Indians.

To the Editor of the Dominion Churchman

Dear Sir

Will you allow me once more through your Columns my earnest appeal to the members of the Church of England throughout the country themselves to do some active work on behalf of the Indians scattered throughout the great North West. The Jesuits have been and are actively at work. Are these wild untutored Indians scattered over the prairies to be left to the tender mercies of a false religion? Are they to look to the Cardinal & Roman Catholic Archbishop as the dominant power in this Country? Are they to be told that he is a greater power than that of Queen Victoria to whom they must pay their allegiance? Is it known that there are 130.000 Indians in Canada? Many of the great majority of these Indians became Roman Catholics & identify themselves as the allies of the Great Dakota which came at this time inclined to alienate itself from the English speaking people of Canada? Again, is it right or even wise to leave poor ignorant heathen & embrace a religion which we would dread to have our sons & daughters embrace? Has not God given us this fine Country — & has he not left with the Country given us these poor people to care for & to [illegible] bring

of the religion of Christ? Why are the professed
friends of missions about the spiritual welfare
of the Indians? Why is our ancient Church so
careless about the poor children whom God has
given her to bring up in the nurture & fear of the Lord?
Why do they appeal in vain for this work?
Is it because they look to the Government, & to the
Government's bounties to care for the Indians? I fear
that leaving the Indians & the Government means
leaving the great majority of them to the Roman Church.
The Jesuits have been the most active in the work
& the Jesuits consequently must have the biggest share
of the Government grants. Let the Church of
England put forth all her strength in right good earnest &
determine that in the next twenty years
the Indians, all who can be found & our schools, together
with the young strangers who [illegible] may
Government money be given [illegible]
course they be brought under the control of our
Church. I will do what I can myself
God helping me. Yes I am ready to do anything by
his will & for his sake if he only will leave these poor
little souls in this land of darkness under the
influence of Christian teaching. In the United States

[illegible] to me help in the Church [illegible]
food which we pray on among the Indians but
in our own North West. I think every meeting
[illegible] & meeting will lift you but my way
[illegible] to lay down in full extent the magnitude
of the work. God has I believe put it
into my heart to try & establish 2 Branch Homes
for Indian Children up in the North West. one
in the Mississippi District on in that of Rupert
Land. The Bishops of both these dioceses are
very anxious to have these Homes established. They
cost about £5000 each, will each accommodate
100 pupils. God grant that the money may
be collected this winter. & that both these Branch
Homes may be erected next summer. Delay
would cost us his favor. Their speedy erection
can do much good. It may check the progress
of evil. Certainly a little self denial in the matter
of dress will do good to those who will have to
[illegible] it. I lay my case before
the Church & before God. May God incline the
hearts of his people to aid in this great work. If
any one [illegible] that may be made use of
in place

[illegible] Nov 15

[illegible] Subscriptions for the Washinoda Home, Mississippi Diocese.
Rev. H. Roswell £3.00; Ch. Redeemer S. School, Yarmouth £5.00;
[illegible] £3.33; Trinity S. Sch, Digby, N.S. £3.70; A friend £10;
Anonymous £11.75; A friend, Yarmouth N.S. £27; Per Rev.
[illegible] £7.--; S. Sch. [illegible], Avis £2; Rev. Wm. McLaren
[illegible] £5-26; Cathedral S. Sch. Quebec £[illegible]

Nov. 29 /87

Dear Darling

It is my pride, I mean
at present Edward will undertake an
support of a boy - I think best by Christmas
or Feb when in a measure and hear
that he receives one his vacancy - I can't
fear hold out any hope of his in that neighbourhood
during 1887 - I expect he to myself near Spring
my next but on my return will be transfer
N.S. & N.B. Whenever I can get the
opportunity he will make a point of paying
you a visit - I will ask you kindly to take
in support of Alexander Rennie (little Sandy)
of Christian Island - a very nice bright little
fellow - about 11 years old - at Christmas time he
[illegible]

Yours sincerely,
T. L. Wilson

known & continuous fund & present there is a deficit of over $100. This means that tradespeople have been kept waiting for their bills. However [illegible] after Christmas the Canadian branch in response to an application already made will give us an increased grant & so we shall get square again.

The enclosed slip which I am now circulating in Canada [illegible] shows how our funds stand at present. My great aim just now if it please God, is to get money for the Branch Homes in the North West. The Jesuits are hard at work there. There are 130.000 Indians altogether in

Canada. The government may be [illegible] [illegible] of these people, some from paganism to Rome. [illegible] Romanists are making great strides all through Canada — people seem to be just waking up to realise it. I believe [illegible] a good work for the [illegible] independent of religion in trying to get the Indian children under our influence. Can you suggest any way of making this work more widely known in England? Dr. Martin will I daresay have told you that I think of coming over & perhaps bring a little Indian [illegible] from our Battleford. Yrs very sincerely

E F Wilson

I want this work to become [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] as [illegible]

Enclosed to Mr. Pitt

"Proposed extension of our work"

We want to establish two Branch Homes in the North West at a cost of £1000 each.

Reason — That work of the C.O.R. the country with the next few years will become fully settled. The Indian question will then be of serious difficulty. Indians will be driven back — deserve of civilization will then be more difficult to overcome. We desire to plant Missions of Indians who will be ready to work. Thousands of Indians on the prairies of Manitoba & the North West. We desire to plant Missions & Schools among them before Romanism & Heathenism! Recent visit of Jesuit Missionaries to Indians in Manitoba & the North West — has created much more excitement than we are aware of. If we do not go ahead & plant Missions & Schools we shall have a claim on Government funds. Have seen the Premier (Sir John Macdonald) & he is with him. He gives me every encouragement & advises Parliament for a block grant towards the proposed Branch Homes. This donation will be followed by a Grant from Government towards support.

Bishop Anson (in Appeal) in New Brunswick on Branch Home to be established — writes: "I have 5000 Indians in my Diocese. I would give up the greatest pleasure to have been an instrument in your hands of establishment in this Diocese, & if by the Blessing of God, you can succeed in Canada, such your intention".

Bishop of Rupert's Land (Machray) writes: "Should we be successful, & I am sure we shall be, the Church will be very thankful if you should

to able treatise in his despatch, such as that which
I have quoted above.

I am also in receipt from the Archbishop
of Montreal, the Bishop of Quebec & the Bishop of Rupert's
Land warmly commending the proposed extension of
our work & asking for assistance from Church Christian
friends all willing & glad to help.

The present cost of our Indian Homes in Manitoba, (Qu'Appelle) & about £150 towards
the Home in Manitoba (Qu'Appelle) & about £150 towards the
one in Manitoba (Archd. Pinkham).

Plan - To erect two Branch Homes - each to take
from 20 to 30 pupils - Industrial Farm placed in
charge of each - Head Office at the Stony Mountain -
All contributions from the central Office at the
Mountain - Superintendents of Branch Homes to
render their accounts monthly or quarterly -
To ask the support of 200 Members of Parliament
Province the Dominion of Canada to undertake
support of pupils at £10 or £15 each in annual
payment also with Dominion grant a liberal annual
grant to each Home - They are bound by treaty to
provide for the education of the Indians.

Land (for site) when bought to become Church property
& held by Trustees appointed by the Bishop in whose
Diocese the Home is erected.

To Leader of the Church Guardian

Dear Sir

I am very anxious to see a movement in Winnipeg towards the establishment of two Branch Homes for Indian Children in the North West - one in Assiniboia in Bishop Anson's Diocese & one in the Diocese of Rupert's Land. I have letters from the Bishop of Selkirk, the Bishop of Qu'Appelle, the Bishop of Saskatchewan all warmly commending the proposed extension of our work & a host of other letters from kind Christian friends all wishing me God speed. Sometimes too we receive a letter with $10 or it may be $20 enclosed. The Bishop of Qu'Appelle writes most warmly of the project "There are 7000 Indians in this diocese", he says, — "It would give me the greatest pleasure to see such an Institution as you propose established in this diocese if by the blessing of God, you can succeed in carrying out your intentions". And the Bishop of Rupert's

[illegible] sides — I should be very thankful, and
I know the members of the Church will be very thankful
if you should enable me to establish in this Diocese such
an Institution as the "Shingwauk Home". Up to
the present time we have $611 in hand towards the
Home in Brandon & $722 towards the one
in Assiniboia. $5000 for each of them is
what is required. Surely this sum could soon
be raised if only a few of our friends would set
about it in earnest. I feel very confident about
it myself — because I am convinced that it is a
good work & a necessary work & I believe that
Almighty God has called me to undertake it. I
see no more difficulty in establishing these proposed
Branch Homes in the North West than there was
originally in setting on foot the Shingwauk Home
and the [illegible] Home. Both these old Institutions
are now in active operation. We have many
to outfit a larger number than we have ever
had before. Five of them are boys from the North
West provinces — come to make a beginning here &
then to form the nucleus of these Branch Homes

Dear Sir and Brother: Oh that God would come
& people help us! The friends are hard at
work & soon will have the 130,000 Indians
of Canada almost wholly under their influence
if we leave them two alone. Is it for us, and
of the County to have wild Indians on the frontier
should be brought under Gospel influence? Is
it a right thing that they be taken from Paganism
& Romanism? Have we a right God given
heart, & the rite our own charge to care for them or to
leave them in the dark? Are we fulfilling the
solemn trust which God has given us? I am
sorry perhaps who a practical work than I can do
but God will help me. I go forward in God's
strength not in my own. Oh! let those who have
to love of God in their hearts arise to the work
and see in my efforts to push forward the work
for the Divine Master who knows our Paganism
& rife & Jesuitism oppressive

Yours faithfully
Edward D. Wilson

Sault Ste Marie - Dec 4/84

Sault Ste Marie
Dec 12 /87

Dear Sir.

With Madam of yr Company has written from Regina that yr Sunday School has undertaken to support one — who has a number of children now and unpaid subscriptions for same. I learn not I think heard yet from the Treasurer of yr Sunday School — Does he intend to make remittances to us direct or would it be the Board of Home Miss.? If the latter will be kind enough to inform us — & just send when he makes remittance. & also let me know from what date the Sunday School begin to support.

Yours sincerely
J. Wilson

No 7901

Toronto 4th Feb

The Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs
Sir

Last May I sent the most advanced pupil in our Home, David Wawbapeyin, to Trinity College School, Port Hope. The boy is very highly spoken of by the Head Master there, Dr. Bethune, both for ability, industry, & good conduct. He is studying Euclid, Algebra, Latin &c. & is at present at the head of his class.

I would much like this boy to start into the Military College, Kingston, when he leaves Port Hope, & I am quite sure he will have little difficulty in passing the necessary examinations.

Would the Indian Department undertake the chief part of the expense of putting him through the College course?

Could allowance be made for his being an orphan & also an Indian? He is a very steady

I am, Sir, your obedient servant
Howard K. Nelson

CHRIST CHURCH
NEW YORK

Dec 10/86

My dear Bro Phillips

I am sorry to have been so long in answering your last letter — & yet I am afraid that you have never written by me personally that you for all your kindness — I am glad to think that you & your wife & boys are all well & happy in your home, & that you are a Christian family.

I think I told you I was going to visit Englewood this winter & that I should be glad to see you all & preach for you on Sunday — but I am afraid that I shall not be able to do so — I have a number of duties here — that I cannot neglect — & I cannot afford the time

I am glad to hear that you are doing so well in your parish — it is to be hoped

our work up with the work here up in the
prairie where the wild Indians are roaming too
& 100's miles west of us. I think Almighty
God has put it into my heart to do this. We
want to establish two Branch Homes one in
Manitoba & one in Assiniboia at a cost
of $1000 each, & I have promise of
help from the Canadian Government towards the
one. Suppose I shall look in upon Mrs
Mc Canadian and Shaw & see what they are
doing about our work. The
commission are ready provided all troops
inside & the funds are hard to work among
the Indians. Expenses may be my discouragement
if I can help me please name them for
Dispensation & examination. For two I think from
them into one Class. Pray for & by them in this way.
My hopes that many of our regular subscribers
may see their way kindly a special donation this year
towards these Branch Homes in the North West - We
want $500 towards the Manitoba Home & $500
towards the one in Assiniboia.

Yours very sincerely
Edward Wilson

SAULT STE. MARIE

Dec. 1878

Dear Lois

I & I had a long talk yesterday about my going to England with 2 little Indian boys — have been undecided what to do all this in consideration. It is both sides of the question — I am anxious to go myself very much indeed — the expense of the journey — this point as upset them ... I will be kept busy with everything during the winter — take stock — put up the annual report — especially if I do not ... I can look forward to the end of January — then the Dr. — Miss English people will care about entertaining a little Indian boy in their home — the climate unfavorable for my health — successful meeting on my own account with the 2 little Indian boys — the only alternative, for as deputation for the C.C.C.S. which I do not relish — the again the question as to results — My object in going would be to bring with me fresh interest — additional annual subscribers to our Parent Fund — more the subject of the Juvenile Parent Homes in the North West — Do you think the people would care about the Indians in ... to bring the pictures home

all of the New Zealanders for ever & Natives? Or by the necessity of carrying on this work in the best way?
Now – what I propose to do – instead of going to England this next Spring – is to write a new letter to every one of our English Subscribers describing to them what our work is – how far [illegible] & how each one with [illegible] a special donation this year towards our proposed return – & thus bring & interest every friend in our work – more spread to them & in our Homes. We are also getting up second packets of photographs bound from both English subjects – We are sending packets to Mrs Hales Mrs Peache, Miss Gibbins, & Mr Cropper, as Christmas presents – also a packet to Somerby – I have written a long letter to Mr Rutt – thanking for his kindness in undertaking [illegible] of treasurer. Hall & Co have a home [illegible] who knows all workmen – & indeed easily – write a letter to the English Church papers – appealing for funds which – so as to enable us to keep up our present work – & also extend – We are so delighted that Miss Lucy is a little better – I will write to her again soon – I [illegible] keep the original family tree if you can find a hole for it – I can call for it – but do not care about the model.
With love to [illegible] & Mrs

Dec 11/88

Dear Mr Lindsay -

Very many thanks for your kind & prompt reply to my letter - & for kind & liberal donation of £10 - which shall be applied to the Washerda Home in Jerusalem - unless you direct otherwise.

I shall be exceedingly glad if dear Cameron yourself will take this matter up & give it a little help - Independent of the Syrian work it is a matter of great importance that we should check the spread of Romanism in the North West - and to consequences may - as I see it - become very serious if Priests with Bibles of the Prairies are brought in contact with them & I trust that this is another opportunity that will not be passed by - beyond this

first action to Queen — I want to see
first work taken up in true good earnest —
If a Constituent Committee cd be appointed &
would take me under their hand — & unify
your men to work bds at the front — & see me
all the hearts & energies & collect the funds I
shd be glad — but as I said before in Market
I have a[illegible] much faith in Committees — & I think
the organization is carried too far — retards rather
than pushes forward the work — I like — get to
go ahead — trust in God. God has helped me
hitherto — & I believe will help me.

A word now as to our expenditure —

(a) Our farm has not hitherto been productive — When
we started our land was all bush & swamp — & we
have had capital expended on it & the outlet
we tried of which we have tried many 'catch crops' without
exhausting more money, than we could help. This
year I have taken the thing myself in hand — we have
been draining & fencing — employing a first rate man
— allowing him best possible — & in a year or two I think will
have a good farm.

(b) We can never pretend to keep our boys & girls as cheaply
as you do at an orphan asylum — if we get as fine a kind.

(c) Market prices are high. (3) Loss of their services is large to us.
(4) A large number of our pupils are 16 & 18 years of age. (5) Indians feed
[illegible] & clothe their children well & so [illegible] to us.
[illegible] is 35 cents each for meals. Which includes light, coal &c &c &c.

U. S.

A few thoughts have suggested themselves since
writing my letter —

If a Society for Christian Committee who would have
faith in God & carry on the work as those have
hitherto done the last 17 years — would take
up the work & make it a GRAND WORK — as
I see it to be — Its main object to gather in
Indian children & train them in Institutions such
as ours in Christian Faith & in Industrial pursuits
I would welcome such a Committee with all my
heart — & gladly hand over all funds & all
responsibility to their safe keeping.
But I do want still under God's leading, to have
my own way a good deal; if I was tied down
too much I am afraid I do not work altogether.
And again — I am afraid of Endowment.
I see it as God's work on prudential
human motives — I believe in the work
as a work of faith & to grow slowly in an
humble Reliance upon God (as it is receive) and
even then with much [illegible] But it is not always
[illegible] upon a work

Home — I impressed that I am called to
for to do a work & go ahead and do it — while
I am doing it the money comes.

Japan — I do not want this work among the
Indian children that confined to Diocese —:
that is done in Bishop of Algoma respect differ.
Our Homes were started before any Dio — of Algoma
was in existence — I was asked by one Bishop
of Algoma after as a training Dio — I would I
was prepared to it — When I began my work I
was in this Dio. The Bishops of Rupert
Land & Du Pelle both warmly invite me to
come & establish Church Homes among their
Indians — Both of these Bishops ask & wish
for the control of the Homes when built —

If an association or Society to start for this
work — let it distinctly have to view Object — "Homes
for Indian Children" — that and only that —
to which we to have a Chain of Protestant Institutions
for Indian children from here to Rockies & both
as well — That is the GRAND WORK I am before
me — I would recommend that I ask — I cannot
do alone — but it would be a committee that will work with
me & myself — Bishop will be a Chairman

Wilson

SHINGWAUK HOME
SAULT STE MARIE

Dec. 11/87

My dear Mr Nelson

I fear you may be a little disappointed that I have finally decided not to go to England this year to bring ... I do not like to ... my public work on English Ground is quite sufficient ... I am told also that on account of the Queen's jubilee it will be a bad season for holding meetings ... I am going to try & establish (instead of going there) a visit of my work personally each of our Superintendents - each time of trip will 'celebrate the Queen's jubilee year' by giving a special donation towards the proposed extension of our work among the Indians. I think I hope little reaction in England to the attacks of the work that we have hopes - there are 130,000 Indians in Canada - the new C.P.R. now opened up the vast prairie land where the wild Indians roam - the facilities on the new main ... self actively engaged - If our Church does not ... up to this its last year all Indians will change ... Presbyterian & the rest ...

Countys may be most distributions - I think
Many of God in giving us this vast Country for
settlement was given us also Men for Indians out
our hands & care for & & train in the truths of the
Gospel - I feel called by God to engage in
this great work - to extend the work of our
Institution & its influence beyond - We want to
men - if God so open our way - to establish two
Brandt Homes one in Assiniboia 1000 miles &
to West - & one in Manitoba 600 miles W -
each of our English Subscribers will give a special
Donation for this year - it will go a long way
towards the establishment of the Brandt Homes

Yours very sincerely
T. L. Wilson

We have let you know in Toronto & will buy if
possible before we leave -
Have sent you a few little Addresses - one is of the
Children's Home I was interested in England.

Dec 11/86

My dear Mr Crofton -

Had hoped of having a visit & heard this next week - writing with Indian boys work now - but the absence is great - since my return each we are so home hopes to - & also I am told that on account of the Devil's festivities it will be a bad season for holding meetings - as I am going to start up - & instead am going to the [illegible] myself each [illegible] Saturday & each of such we will "Celebrate the Devil's festivities" by giving a [illegible] notice to the proposed extension of our work? - I had public in England several [illegible] of the work but we have [illegible] 12,000 Indians in Canada [illegible] C.P.R. has opened up the vast Prairies [illegible] old Indian haunts - the Jesuits

Dec[r] 17th 83

Dear Lad

I was very thankful to receive a kind reading letter last evening & most heartily wish you many bld. bless[gs]; tho' always find cause to look upon you & to approach Father in heaven & also implore his favor

(And Mr Lindsey by no means Dr. was heard of in the parts last summer seems desirous to step upon the ark heartily — in a recent letter spoke of consulting it Dear Carmichael with a view to organizing for the extension of work among the Indians — and this I was in Scotland suggested the idea of making Indian work a distinct branch of the bond of U. v. D. Missions instead of having it all one with White missions in our immediate

In reply to his letter I wrote & told him (Dec[r] 11) my ideas with regard to the establishment of Branch Homes or

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Mission fields in the North West as a Help to Indian Children & Parents than we are doing here at the East. Effort more & more the necessity of the work as a work of philanthropy but as the way of closing the progress increasing power of Heathenism. If we leave the Indians alone Romanism at present paces will double in a few years be adopted by the Roman Church & and its consequences to the Country may be most disastrous. Shown with Extracts of the Church Papers sent to me a day or two ago & the 'Mail'.

Resolved response is that a Central Committee be formed for this special purpose. If the work proposed is carried out it is altogether too great for our own Boundaries our funds ought the quadrupled & more & in that case a Treasurer will be appointed in New York will have confidence & a Committee will undertake the management. I should suggest that the Bishop of Rupertsland, & Bishop of Quappelle be at the head of it & a Committee of men who are really interested in the Indians

[illegible] Indeed I do pray for [illegible] of this talk of Christian unity mean any thing at all - unless a hearty union among the Presbyterians & a hearty union among the Methodists to join with us in the work among the Indians be the basis of the union. Let us join in Christian fellowship in this great work. Let our efforts & ours be established a chain of Protestant Institutions for Indian children from Canada to the Rocky mountains

Can we not seriously ask if all this is done that Protestants do can possibly prevail. As for me I am content to leave it with God. I am content to remain & labor here with my 2 Institutions if it please God or I am prepared to turn over to other hands & retire on pastoral work if it please God. I think I can accept the [illegible] contact & relation with us & especially as [illegible] for [illegible] it might be [illegible] of this work our [illegible] in God's hand by a few influential men [illegible] there will be little difficulty in carrying [illegible] & be sound & fine meaning and [illegible]

I remain yours truly & affectionately S. B. Wilson

Sault Ste Marie
Jan'y 1st 1847.

Dear Br Mitchell -

If you are in my place for a little while I think you would learn that the great difficulties we have contend with - It is all very well for them to find fault with my management - but they must remember - we have to satisfy as far as possible - not only the Teachers - but also the pupils - the parents the Sunday School & other who contribute - & the visitors public - If the big boys are kept at work & house cleaning instead of School keeping time - it is not likely either they or their parents will be satisfied - if the Institution is not kept in proper order - or extravagance allowed - visitors & contributors are ready & over ready to find fault - I do not see that I am over stepping the bounds of my duty as Principal if I occasionally have to speak to those who are employed under me in the work - & I always try to do it in a kind & conciliating a spirit as possible - so as to avoid giving offence - Of course

if Rose & Rowe & Thos Speak - instead of trying to ~~&~~ this & straight turn round & abuse my management & leave the Institution proclaiming that they were ill used - it does harm both for the time. It is the great dislike that I have to changing employes & the desire that I have to avoid any unpleasantness that makes me often go on too long bearing my evils to & avoiding speaking about them which in themselves are a great annoyance to me.

You say that you managed a great deal better while I was away & that you employed older boys & did the house work. I fail to see that this is verified by reference to the workers book. If any of you had smaller boys at work while I was away than you have had lately. I have always tried as you know to yield to any suggestion made by you for increasing our system of work - and for the Winter & Autumn months & other work - you have your own choice of boys - & I advise you to put on little big boys for months

I think on the whole that you do me considerable
justice in your letter — though I can make of
course due allowance for yr. feelg. rattled as I
have no doubt you did when you wrote it.

As I said upon the wing — I have no wish
— you know so — I hate changes — I might
not get as good a man as you are in your
room — tho' I do not believe it will be hard to find any one
as pleasant & helpful in a general way as you
have been to me. I also believe it will be
better for yourself (independent of my wants)
to stick to the place — & try all you can to make
it a success. I feel sure that in yr.
better moments & after calm consideration
you will allow that my fault finding was
not altogether unjustifiable for (as men) that
room was a devilish place — but that you really have
faithfully remedied in yr duty) — Indeed you will
believe me when I tell you that I was exceedingly

sorry than I do it - Of course if you
want to help me - & look on me as such an
austere & inconsiderate master that you feel it
is vain to try & work with me - I cannot ask
you to stay - but I can only say that I
would be sorry for you to leave -

Do you think I do not act wisely - (though
certainly I try to do so & I think Dear more time
than it takes you would) in making the weekly
appointments & in punishing the boys for their
wrong doings - I am willing to give over these 2
departments - namely the workers book & the conduct
book into your hands for the next 2 months -

At the end of that time if you find that I
am no better & you still wish to leave I cannot
but leave - a week or so's notice will
be sufficient - do I ask not appoint any one
in place before then of notification -

Yrs sincerely -

Edward D. Wilson

Feb. 2d 1887

Reginald H. Buchanan Esq.
Dear Sir.

Many thanks for yr letter with £25 from Callander & Lichfield Festival just received. I am home again, have visited many American Institutions for Deaf & Dumb Children in Pennsylvania & Virginia and got home late last night. I am still unable (after reading thro' your detailed accounts given to me) to see as clearly as required what steps I can take in the matter. I will however do my best & write you as soon as I can. Meanwhile if you could let me know if you have received a letter from me & how matters are progressing it will be very kind of you. I hope to be able to take the chair at the meeting in March & will do my best to make it successful. I send you a copy of our last annual Report. It was some time ago now (in Oct & Nov) that I was in Canada & the States & I am afraid you will scarcely remember what I said. I am

Yours truly
T. L. Wilson

Feb. 2d 1787

Dear Bro. Jam.

I have been away Last visit
large American Institution for Indian Children
in Pennsylvania & Virginia — was returned late
last night — I have now to attend to yr letter of
the 25th ult. I think as Jam. Pitt Kirkpatrick
Lieut. in 58th Regt. Transport Philadelphia for
N. York Sept. it will be best to begin from 1st Dec.
It is more convenient to us for all our Passports
Rec. as far as possible, & the regular days when the
mails are to arrive — I am sorry to find I have
caused you any trouble. Also about the box not
being in time for the boat was my Fault — I
do not clearly understand that at present we
are certify that is from the return would in Writing
to you any that I had to do 65 miles to
get to a mail Station. We shall be very glad if
Pet. you can send by Post for Philadelphia — the Commiss
Fees 3.50 (instead of 3.5) Post will settle the Dec. Regt.
Yours sincerely W. L. Wilson

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Feb 2d 787

Dear Sir

I am afraid you will think me
a long time answering your letter of Jan. 5. I was
away travelling in Pennsylvania & Virginia - visiting
some of the large Towns. Subscriptions for India Children
& your letter was sent after me & I only got home last
night. I fear I cannot at present
make you any decided offers for work here.
Our affairs are in a transition state - exactly if
Congress will help us - Lands are unsold -
Husbandmen work - in which case we shall
[illegible] men of Letters & Science
under the circumstances it will not be
[illegible] for you to engage yourself to us until
I can [illegible] you another year -

Yrs sincerely -
T. Pickering

Direct this letter, if I am not there to
receive it, it will come to
my [illegible]

Feb 27/87

Dear Sir

I have just heard from Rev. L. H. Wheeler, Collingwood, that he has sent Cedric to Knight and Ryerson to the printed Sheet at Collingwood - will remain there till Spring when it will be sent up the Lake - as we have no rail Communication at present.

I have just been away to the South visiting large Indian Institutions for Indian Children in Pennsylvania & Virginia - & hope I may be able to forward one specimen & letter of the Cedric - as in the Lower provinces the Print will be sent up the Lake - [illegible] and then the work goes on more

Yours truly

J. K. Dickson

Rev. A. Burns D.D.

Feb 2 1887

W. M. Fewings Esq
Dear Sir

I have received your favor of the 31st D. A. - & desire to express thanks for by Banks & the Rev Englis Committee for their Grant of £10 to the support of my Indian Women - I have also much pleasure in sending you our Report for 1885 - That for the past year is not yet out - Rev Wm Martin's address is 27 Bloomsbury Square W. C. and our present treasurer is Thos Ruth Esq. St James's Lodge, Delaford Park -

I remain dear Sir
Yours faithfully
Edward S. Wilson

Shingwauk Home, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.
February 5th. 1887.

My dear young Friends

You will like to hear about my getting home up here among the ice and snow. I enjoyed my trip in the States very much, and am very glad that I was able to visit three of your large Institutions, -the Carlisle Institute, the Hampton Normal Institute, and the Lincoln Institute in Philadelphia.

After leaving Philadelphia I took train northward to the St. Lawrence River, and crossed the river at Morristown to the Canadian side. The river was frozen over solid, but the ferry boat cut its way through the ice like cutting cheese. Then I went to Ottawa, which is the Seat of our Government, and had a conference with the heads of the Indian department, and laid before them my report of what I had seen and heard while travelling in the States. I want our Government to take up the Indian cause in the same way that your government is doing in the States. After leaving Ottawa I travelled westward up the course of the St. Lawrence, through Toronto, to Sarnia at the south of Lake Huron. There are about 1400 Indians at that place, nearly all of them Ojebways (Chippewas) and Pottowattamies. I had two meetings with them and told them all about my visit to you, and I showed them the Cheyenne moccassins I got at Carlisle and the cotton pod and the little black doll and pottery from Hampton, also the photographs; the Indians were very much interested in seeing all the things. On Monday evening, the 31st. I started off home. I went by train up the west shore of Lake Huron to the Straits of Mackinaw and then crossed the Straits in the ferry boat; it was about eight miles wide where we crossed and the ice was about two feet thick. Then I had to drive 65 miles in an open sleigh to Sault Ste. Marie and oh ! it was so cold ! the glass was 10 degrees below zero ! I wonder how you would have liked that ! My nose got frozen at the tip, and another passenger got his ears frozen I don't think I was ever so cold in all my life ! Well I got home at last about half past ten on tuesday night, Feb. the 1st. And my wife and children were all very glad to see me again. The next day I had all the pupils from both homes collected in the school room and I told them all about you and showed them the photographs and pictures and read to them the letters which you sent; and now there are two or three boys busy in the school room writing to you. All our people were very much astonished at the photograph of the Carlisle group, it looks such an immense number and the faces are all so plain. My boys and girls were much pleased to see the specimens of your school work and drawing.

And now I must close my letter May the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Yours sincerely,

EDWARD F. WILSON

Feb 4 1807

Dr Sir Northford
Dear Sir

I am sorry you
& this must upon the first
part of the Journal Book and shall
be obliged if you will [illegible] me Communicate
at it — the last part contains the accounts
& list of people will call on in a few
days — You will please send me proof
sheets as soon as ready — & I want
it that for out so that Subscribers will
receive it and [illegible] Please
Note directly you receive this — for that you have
received copy & that you will begin at it &
print — I shall be at Mr Rowells hard
[illegible] because he lives as near as any
Dear Sir I am
Yours &c
N. Webster

Dear Sir I am
Yours &c
N. Webster

Feb 7th 87

Dear Bro & Sisters

I think it very desirable that no changes shd be made in our teachers staff just at the present time - but any alteration can be made in the arrangements of the Quarters that will make it more comfortable for you shall be glad to do so. I am glad to be satisfied it was at Kendrick - He says he does not know what to think of his wife is also satisfied (remain provided) she can [illegible] -faction -

I propose that Bro H. shd do less work at his own and more superintendence - that one (or more if necessary) girls shd be kept out from school the whole day to attend to cooking, washing, housework & repairing so as to do as much as at present - Bro H. (supported) all the farm work & help a little with to take certain charge of the girls' clothes & mending - supported the rest work - This would I think obtain you of a great deal of your present responsibility. If you approve of this plan will you let me know at once (and) at Bro Henderson - that one [illegible] on hand) -

Yours sincerely
S. Wilson

The Editor of the Mail

Sir I have just received your issue of the 3rd inst. Containing account of the Bishop of Algoma's visit to Parry Sound, in the course of which I notice Canon Dumoulin's letter read [illegible] proposition "to hand over Church Indian Schools to the Government & have only the Bible taught". I hope you will kindly allow me to make a brief reply. What I said in my letter of the 8th inst. was that if the Government would take up our work & undertake the main support of our Institution, I would willingly conduct it in future on broad Protestant Principles. — I would be willing that it should become undenominational in so far that pupils not belonging to the Church of England be allowed to attend their own place of worship in town, and be visited by their own minister, provided only that the Institution continue to be distinctly Protestant, and that the Holy Bible always be a text book in the School; by the above sentence I meant that when the Government undertook the main support and we had 300 pupils instead

of Bs as a present, Now if I was beloved how
should I be expected to attend Sun Chapel & Sun
Sunday School, when I do belong to a denomination
would not allowed to go up town & attend their own
place of worship. I pay taxes & I have as
much in this Province. I pay taxes & I have as
much & accordant with the voice of the Church as
proclaimed so loudly at our late Provincial Synod
and also at the Church Congress in the United States.
But the question seems to be What right have I
to make such a suggestion upon consulting my best friends.
Canon Dumoulin says - "I have yet to learn that
a Church has handed over schools over to Wardens
& handed over to the government."
Let me tell you in a few brief words how
this work commenced, and then let the members
of the Church of England who read your last
pastoral Letter or not I have a right to make the
proposed change. In 1872 I was a
Missionary working among the Indians at Sandy
Point under the auspices of the Church Missionary
Society. My Bishop was Bishop Williams of
Toronto. While in England that summer with an
Indian and collecting money to build our Institution

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the Committee of the C.M.S. came just at that time and said from the London Committee, & offered me a more lucrative post in Rupert's Land. It was a hard trial to me to choose the right. But God directed me. An anonymous letter came, saying, "Two friends will guarantee you £100 a year if you will return to London Road". So I went back gladly as my Chief guaranteed that for me with me, and soon after my salary was supplemented by a grant from the Col. & Continental Church Society. Many of you readers know about our fire, — how our first habitation was burned down 6 days after it was opened, and how the stirred up the sympathies of Christian people, so that a year we had $10.000 to build again with. It was just at the time of our fire, that the new Missionary Diocese of Algoma was separated from the Toronto Diocese, (and I had no control whatever over this arrangement) and Bishop Sullivan was appointed our first Missionary Bishop. Our Indian Homes in this way came to belong to the Algoma Diocese. But we have always from the first been entirely under my own management. Following is an extract

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From a letter of our late Bishop Hampden Sheldon
dated in the Evangelical Churchman, June 8th 1883.

"Money to funds are mainly raised by Mr. Wilson
and his friends, and the work is his own. I have
left the management entirely with him, not because
he has ever shown any disinclination to enquiry
on my part, quite the contrary, but because
my time is so fully occupied with what may be
more strictly termed diocesan duties, that I
have felt glad to be relieved from any further
responsibility."

I remain Dear Sir
Yours faithfully
E. F. Wilson

Shakespeare's Home
Stratford on Avon
Feb 7th 1887.

Feb. 9th 1887

J. C. Pilling Esq.

Dear Sir.

I wish to express my warmest thanks to you for sending me the two handsome volumes containing Annual Reports of the Bureau of Ethnology. Which I have already found of great

I want also to ask you whether there is at present any such book as the following — if not whether the Smithsonian Institution is likely soon to publish such a book — or if not (3) whether in the event of any attempt to get it out in a year or two the Smithsonian Institution would revise, correct & publish it, — or if not not (4) whether I might rely on obtaining such information from the Smithsonian as I could at present time as to enable me to complete it. ——

The book I contemplate would consist of 2 volumes of about 500 pages each — and contain an average of 10 woodcuts each (or say 100 in the whole) of American life — Three

pages be given up to a very brief history of
the origin of the people, their customs &c., their pe-
culiar grammar (following the Victorian arrangement,
I suppose) and two pages vocabulary. Each
of these to begin with a full page plate illustrating
the dress, arms, weapons, utensils &c formerly used
in the tribe & a specimen introduced in the course of
time, giving a picture in each of the tribe
and each epoch, being at the end a facsimile of any
works of hers seen written out by the tribe.

I would suppose to see the material
by having a small pamphlet printed, giving the Syllabus
of all that was heard, & blanks to be filled in
with the tribes name &c. & sent round
to missionaries &c. A good deal might
be collected with little from students &c. to whom
it is due.

Of course if I undertook such a work
properly, my object would be to make it as useful
& readable & interesting for the general public
as could be, & put aside as far as I could a mere

work — But I think it would be a pity
thing to see such a book as this published — it would
be preserving a record of two races which are
which are fast passing away — & afford also
an opportunity & philologists of comparing the
different languages all written in our own
respects.
Of course it would be a work of time.
I might be able to give a little assistance
& would be glad to see it got well.

I would also be very glad to hear
if you did not see in the way of procuring a
document on this report — having exactly the
tribes are now living in the states — their numbers
& their location. I want to see how
210.000 Indians are — how divided — where located
If I can do any assistance to you at any time
in obtaining information on Canadian Indians
I will most gladly do so —

Yours very truly
Wm. H. Prescott

— and give a copy of my little
book. "Printing work among the Spanish
races".

I already authorized Robert Coulter to confer with Mr Thurston in regard to the erection of a farm cottage or barrack behind the farm buildings - & to draw out together a plan for the same - the cottage to be a frame one - to be entirely completed - & painted red with white sashes & correspond with the stone buildings and to cost within three hundred dollars ($300), the plans to be approved by me before the building is commenced, & the erection of the buildings not to interfere with other necessary work -

Edward D. Wilcox

Stuyvesant House
Dec. 9th 87.

Feb. 1787

C. C. Mason Esqr

Dear Sir

I have been notified by a number of constituents from Indian Rivers that it will be very much desired by a majority of them as economick. You will also very much oblige many widowed and children in our Rivers have their names on our "Sandy Hook Lists" - which by not behind we shall have a reminder - which of course they do not like if it is agreeable to your Excellency.

Please also to ask and say many friends to Mr. A. N. Campbell, Scouts, as to discover Hand is entirely distinct from our Indian Rivers Point - & Mr. C. does not like the Hunt at it.

I must ask you kindly - ask your assistance - tell us if we each amount comes - so that we may receive Depositories in our hands.

Yrs faithfully

Edward [illegible]

SAULT STE

Feb. 12 1887

My dear Lord —

I received your letter of the 2nd
instant — My thanks for kindly writing
so fully — Direct I saw in the Times
the 3rd & not again & the Mail in
reply to Canon Dunoulin's remarks.

I do not see a necessity for his
drawing a circle around my Indian Homes
work which it never had before — Every
application that I made & every
letter [illegible] and on my behalf
was [illegible] & all the
letters [illegible] a part
application (His Lordship [illegible]
[illegible]) [illegible]

of our late 300 children & could procure
but a very large proportion of them must
belong to Sun denominations — Query is it
the Right hope them all into the Church
of England or receive them into the Christian
Church on broad principles — I hope
the Latter — then do duty and following out
the last Provincial Synod taught me — Of
Course our services would shock many
will continue the Church of England as
hitherto — but then do am not members of our
Church I consider myself free to continue
in the Church of have been brought up in —
I do not see the necessity of asking the Church of
England Missionary to do his part of
our Canon Demerdon — I think his enquiries
remarks are rather like the man Whose wife had
been frightened to hear Mike he was up to Chimney
"Dicky are ye at it well?" Yes dear Mary —

I am getting on a very little better Her
called "our first Children"

J. L. Wilson

Feb 12/87

Rev. H. L. A. Almon

Dear Sir

I beg thanks for yr remittance of $25 on Albert Lahey's account - also for yr kind promise of support for a [illegible] I have met Sleeman in all his [illegible] - a dear little Delaware girl - 9 years old - She is a wonderfully bright child has been at school [illegible] - when I was there [illegible] with high up in the School.

Yours truly

I will write a big wonderful letter I will shortly and tell you some of his doings I have no doubt you will be proud of your [illegible]

I will [illegible]

a photo of him done for you -

Calbuts Marks at last Exam were read
7 out of 10, Spell 10-10, Dict 10-10, Arit 28-30,
Metrait 12-20, Geog 14-20, Hist 9-10, Gramm
& Comp 25-25, Lit 14-20, Collect 10-10,
Lect Notes 15-15, Can Sin 15-15, Bible Know
19 out of 25.

Yrs ancerely
P. L. Wilson

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…Carlisle Indian School, Penn.

Sept. 12th/87

Rev. Dear — St. Luke

Dear Sir

[illegible] kind
Cotton — & promise to support a pit at our
Francestown Home by the Centennial Sabbath School.
Have much pleasure in calling from Nancy
Wrenn — an Ojibway girl from Walpole Boarding
aged 11. She has come to us last Fall
but is at present low down in the school — &
can hardly speak a word of English — If the
boys will earn — I know will — per 5
[illegible] will have the satisfaction of seeing how
our Indian children improve — our plan is for the
Missionaries to make quarterly advances
having March 1 — June 1 — Sept 1 & Dec 1. No
pupils to be admitted — until a letter or a
[illegible] of Recommend [illegible] a day [illegible]

1 hat - 1 hood - 2 pr. boots - 1 pr. stockings - 4 pair
stockings - 3 flannels - 2 night dresses - 1 shawl - 2
handkerchiefs - 3 pr. drawers - 4 pr. handkerchiefs -
1 hood - 1 pr. mits - 2 aprons - 1 pinafore -
1 cloak - 1 outdoor jacket - If none
of - this do not fail to come exchange with the
rest -

Yrs affectt
D. H. Wilson

(Say many thanks to Mrs James A. Hudson
for her kind subscription of £10 - Rec'd 1
Sept 1863 & to Rock Rest Home - (Mrs
endorsed on letter)

Say receipt of parcel -
I write on Sabbath but
only have one hour
to write
Dear Lily accompanied it
Love to all at home
Yrs affectt
D. H. Wilson

Sault Ste Marie
Feb 15/87

My dear Lord

I have been thinking it over for some time & have now made up my mind that I will ask the next of Algoma Clergy next August to accept my resignation as Commissary, and Chaplain. & shall also ask you to appoint some one in my place as Editor of the Algoma Missionary News. My reason is simply that I am overburdened with work & wish to give all my time & thought to the Lord as long as God is pleased to vouchsafe me strength to the cause which I have at heart. I notice that you are short of funds. & if it will help my brethren clergy I will willingly give up the extra £350 which you so kindly arranged for me to have transferred to my Stipend in that is — to receive £300 as formerly to the Indian Homes account instead of £200 & 350 as now. It has been a very hard struggle to keep the extra money [illegible] & keep straightened up & to

Yours sincerely
E. F. Wilson

SEMINARIA LUTH. CONC. SAINT LOUIS

Feb: 16/87

Rev. A. Hartmann

Dear Sir

Many thanks for your note to Prof. Mees. I enclose you a list of a few little pupils I am getting out. What do you think of this idea of a Lutheran Parochial Institute at Lancaster, for 100 pupils. Do you think the Lutheran Church would patronize it.

Many Tobias. Do it not as a work, has given me the following names of children of Evangelical Lutheran parents as pupils. Will you kindly let me know what to grant one session of their entry or if as will sign the required agreement for them to remain a Pupil. and — Caroline Antony aged 13, Lilly Antony 10, Nancy Hill 13, Zachariah Peters 12, Wm. Mason 12, also a list of Dora [illegible] Pupils from entire third Entry. Mr Rees

all Delaware Indians?

I want also to ask you about a man named [illegible] Wampum has been [illegible]. Rev. J. Jacobs of Sarnia told me he had collected £300 for building a school & placed it in the hands of Mr. Ford, Lawyer in Sarnia, that the money has been got from [illegible] & Mr. Ford does not know what to do with it. — We are willing to build a Branch Institution near Sarnia — for about 60 pupils — cost about $10.000. The Indians contribute by [illegible] about $500. I wonder if the Wampum will be willing for the £300 which he collected the applied to the same object. — or is it for some Society to determine how it may be applied? —

Yours very faithfully

D. L. Wilson

Feb 16/87

My dear Mr. Blake-

I received your kind letter
of Sept. 15/ - & the Book of the Philadelphia
- how very much obliged I am for it
& am glad also that you wish I was
now on the subject - I wished before
this year for this book a little sister
& see - & I now endorse your a little
Brief - hope 'Our Lord-children' -
which you say he took to Heaven through
the Roses old mouse Pen you can
find mine I will not trouble you
now with a long letter. - I am still the Poet
of Poets I am sorry to -

(-) at present we have the two Dutchess &
Duchess of Edinburgh & Connaught

Caswards for pubs - our buildgs & Land
Court say - $24.000 - Rend all the I raised
as you know, myself. (Canon Innocent I see
in the Mail has claim on them, but I don't think
he put one cent into it) - The Indian Dept
of Can us $1600, viz $1000 toward buildg
& Shg work $600 to Caswards.

2. Maintenance - We have had from 50 to 75 pupils
average attendance, since the first of Jany - August 1875 -
annual cost - including additions & buildgs &c
about $10.000 per annum. Of this amount
Ind. Dept began with giving us $1200 per ann.,
raised it to $1800, then to $2400. Now giving
us $2400 per ann.

3. I don't think there is any Prov Protestant for Indian
Children in the Dominion that has done so
much - with as little aid from Govt.

4. I have visited several Protestants in the States
- have seen them & am doing them - Schools
for from 200 to 600 pupils. Indian dept
allowing $167 per capita per annum, and

spending a million dollars a year solely on the education & training of Indian children.

5. I have applied to the Indian Department, Ottawa, for a grant of $65,000 towards enlarging and remodelling our present building at Sault Ste Marie so as to take 300 pupils, and $150 per capita per annum towards its maintenance.

6. I have said that if this application is acceded to I shall not object to the Methodist & Presbyterian denominations in as far as their respective belongs to the Episcopal Churches should on board be allowed to attend their own church & Sunday School in the village.

7. I am also planning for the establishment of two Branch Institutes as 'Receiving Homes' one in the North West and one down near Sarnia.

Yours very faithfully
Edward F. Wilson

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
ST. AUGUSTINE, FLA.

Feb 18/87

Dear Mr Gilfillan

I have delayed answering your letter of Oct 5th – anticipating to attend of the Church Convention – but it leaves yet comes & will not delay longer

I was lately returned from a most interesting & useful trip in the states – visiting the Carlisle & Lincoln Institutes in Pennsylvania & the Hampton Institute in Virginia – I also went to Washington & had interviews with General Atkins, Major Powell, Mr Billings, Prof Baird & others.

I saw in your work was better in – I can say I persuaded our friend to letter up our work & not build it – as I was working to take out so much.

I am also trying – if I can, to interest – to

Where all particulars are in a book
on the Indian tribes still existing in the States
& in Canada — you have 250.000 Indians in the
States & you have 130.000 in Canada — but I
cannot find any book in existence that gives
in a short intelligible way & with little account
of each tribe & with short titles & names.
This is what I am aiming at — hope
it may be both the year & accomplish — the
publications of the Smithsonian Institute will
be a great aid.
Would you be
willing to aid by furnishing particulars as far as
you know of your Indians — & can you
refer me to any other authorities both clergy &
laymen with whom I might communicate?
I enclose you a letter from Rich on an
exhibition — make such use of it as you think
best — & send me some reports
of the Institution
If you care to have a copy
of my recently published book on the Ancient Works
of the Mississippi Valley — the price is 75 cts — or send me a list of
Minnesota & Canadian tribes & I will send a volume
Respectfully E. H. Davis

Feb. 18th 87

Rev. H. Caswall D.C.L.

Dear Sir - I beg thanks for your letter -
[illegible] I am glad that it will be for
a long time + I consider visits to Bishops
to clergy [illegible]
[illegible] I am to meet on
my own head but fill it with a [illegible] item
about our Diocese from the Jesus - for ten
years [illegible] at his work - I
am decided to give it up when our Confirmation
[illegible] comes. I am busy at a
few little papers expected for our own work - a
copy of Bishop Sandford's
[illegible] in regard to Manchester - It has
been read [illegible] your continuity As you know
[illegible] the appeal for the poor - I would like
[illegible] Bishop's Visitation I had bought
[illegible] with the Visitation address Kingston but

have applied & pond he is past the regulation age — I thought that Kingston his adopted College — Post Dr. probably understood matter in dispute. The only thing open for him if he has School now is to try for a 3d class certif. at a School teachers exam. & get an Indian School to teach at about $250 or $300 a year. I would like him to do something better than this — but I don't see what else we can do — unless means should be forthcoming to keep him another year or so at School — & then put him through a Theological College. Please let me hear as soon as convenient what your views & those of the relations in the boy — are about it.

Mr. Reid will stop down and write to Mr. Gibson.

Yrs sincerely

J. L. Wilson

Feb 18 87

R. McCulloch Esq.

Dear Sir

I regret very much
to have been obliged to send Jackson
away for buying my cows &
selling on Commission for me. He
was the second [illegible] in the line
I discharged - as I kept it back & hoped
to see a change to the better by which
he remained with him. He is allowed
to remain here at work on the
Ill Reservation Farm - but is not allowed
to go into the Store to buy [illegible]
I enclose you a note which I have
[illegible] with Mr Ashford.
I believe no witness in either of the
cases

Yours truly

T. A. Wilson

Feb. 18/87

Dear Br Reid

I have been longing to write to you - but have been occupied with work - I saw you at Ilkley to the Home Church Meeting - I am interesting it was to Dr. Reid's Home for March - Dr. Pigott and I are thinking of paying you a visit in the Spring. I think it is likely I will be up for the first time - but for a to Rel Peak from here - may 2 or 3 days with you - then for visiting - & probably Preston - Mrs Pigott & I both would like to stay a week or ten days at the Manse & make a quiet time of it - for I dare say you would find her a great help in the House & Communion I

known of as the lady in Canada who devoted
to the Indians as hers. I have of late
returned from a very interesting trip in the States
visited some of the large Institutions for Indian
children which they have there. The enclosed
little printed paper will tell you a good deal
about it. I am trying to procure
for a big grant - as to have a large school
here for about 300 children. Do you
any boys & girls at Nelson want to come
here? We are starting an "Onward
and upward Club" here & the principle
is similar to one I saw in successful operation
among the young Indians in the States. I
hope Joseph is doing well as a good teacher -
Please remember me kindly to Annie and Minnie
- also Old Kahpeketa my dear friends - & tell
them how glad I am to hear that they are getting on
so well. You must send me a long letter in
January Mrs. With kindest regards to you
& yours -

Yours very sincerely
J. Hall

Dr. Bigsby & old chiefs
very first rate -

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ntario. Feb. 21/87

Dear Mrs Malahan

I have much pleasure in forwarding you My Cheque for $25, his ½ years support for Sarah Grajet at the Bishop Johnson School. I would like to read both another letter from Jerusalem read by Indian boys & girls all of whom take deep interest in their protegee. I would like also to hear how the School is progressing & better it is still in need of our help.

Yours sincerely —

Edward F. Wilson

SAN FRANCISCO

Carlois Feb 18 1879

Mrs A. M. Lomas

Dear Madam

I am much pleased in sending you my Draft for $30 Thirty Dollars in part for the London fund. Part of the money is some that was lost in a valise & mysteriously recovered 5 months subsequently. The remainder is contributed by the pupils & teachers of our two Indian Homes — all of whom take great interest in your work.

Yours faithfully

Edward C. Wiles

Feb. 21/87

Dr. Barnardo

Dear Sir

I am most pleased to forward you a Cheque for £20 - This amount has been mainly raised by the pupils & teachers of our two Indian Homes - the Shingwauk and the Wawanosh - all of whom take great interest in your work. You will see by enclosed printed report that we are making an effort to extend the work among the Indians -

Yours sincerely -

Edward F. Wilson

Read

to exterminate? The debate waxed fierce and exciting, and lasted for two years, and the result arrived at was that the way to exterminate the Indian was to educate and civilise him.

It will be seen from the above account that the American people are entirely themselves in the Indian question, and it is satisfactory to know that so large a sum as $1000.00 per annum is now being expended by the American people solely in the education of the young Indians.

In Canada the people are scarcely yet awake to the importance, or magnitude of the work, neither is the Canadian Government much money on the education & civilisation of the young Indians. What has been done in this way hitherto has been mainly the result of individual effort. The Roman Catholics have an Institution for some 50 children on Manitoulin Island, north of Lake Huron, another in the Qu'Appelle valley, Assiniboia, for 25 children, and another near Calgarry. The Methodists have an Institution for 50 children in Ontario. The Church of England has an Institution for 100 Indian children, carried on under the auspices of the New England Company near Brantford, in Ontario, and the Shingwauk and Wawanosh Homes at Sault Ste Marie, north of Lake Huron for 85 children. There is also a small Institution recently started, in Saskatchewan. This is about all that is yet being done in Canada towards the education of

Christian training of Indian children. But it seems that we are on the eve of [illegible] of a more important work. The tide of immigration to Canada is flowing in fast. White people are coming in more into contact with the Indian population, and the consequent danger of our rapidly increasing the necessity of providing in some satisfactory manner for their future welfare. People in Canada are beginning to take the fact that it is better to train and educate and civilize the young Indians than the fearful and wasteful war with their parents. We also see the success that has attended the efforts that have been made in this direction across the border. It seems probable that as in the States so in Canada the Government will not only open up the country and provide for the education and Christian training of the young [illegible] with a view of their in time becoming entitled to citizenship.

Contributed by
Rev. T. L. Wilson
Sault Ste Marie
Ont.

Feb. 20 [illegible]

Feb 22nd 87

Alex Mackelvie Esqre

Dear Sir -

I am still to follow pupils -

(1) Collect in your Superintendency - Alex Pendeen £4
Edwd Pendeen £4 5s.

(2) The following pupils time is completed next December
Great Alterations - but would like to stay 2 years more - If his father
is willg will sign fresh agreemt - He has lately
begun bookkeeping.
McKenzie Naudee - I do not wish these boys.
Thomas White - has lately begun Tailoring - what better
come for another two years - Depns & Bessie are
desirous to leave.
William Riley - has not been 3 years - bought boots 5.
Wishes to stay 2 years longer - Began carpenting
2 months ago - is doing first rate.
James Kenny - will leave for reasons stated in my last.
Eliza Power. can leave.

(3) The following will remain here for the present holidays
& cannot well be sent away - Albert Rodgers - Joseph
Storey, Joel [illegible] Charlie Knapp. All the
Natives can go home - Parents fund £4 15 for each
passage ticket. Holidays July 16 to Sept 5th

(4) New Applicants must send name, age &c as above

Yrs faithfully
Edward O'Brien

I sent these about the above old pupils
remaining - when I can hear from you.

Feb 22/87

S. H. Thompson Esq.

Dear Sir I believe you are still acting agent for the Christian Island Indians.

There is still $5 to collect for Indian Child taken away by Samuel Ramsden when he left and failed to return to the Institute to fulfill his time. Also $40.80 for its board from Jonas H. York. If the latter returns this Fall its money will not be claimed as I hope to get it myself and have for 2 years.

The following children will be sent home for annual vacation — July 16 to Sept 5 — provided the parents can pay $4.50 for each one to bring from & Collingwood

Nancy Petahawkund, Albert Kabayash, Alfred Bennica

New applicants must send name, age, state of health, & be ready to go at once. Please let me know if you require any forms of agreement.

Yrs faithfully

Edward Ryerson

Ker 20/87

Jerseyville Ill.

Dear Sir

Will you please collect from Jacob Frankey the sum of $19.80 for clothing belonging to our Institution which he took away when he absconded last fall. We also require that Sempson Walbourn be sent back to our Institution & the first boat up in Spring, otherwise he will be charged $5.35 for clothing taken away.

The following pupils are required to remain here for the next summer vacation (July 16 to Sept 5) - Sylvester Kessler. James Wambedick, Maria Jackson, Mary Ann Pachaga, Alice Pachaga. It is our rule for pupils to remain here one year in three, & it is our interest to do so, besides being their own wish.

The applicant must send name, age, state of health, & be ready for us at once. Please let me know if you need any forms of agreement.

Yours faithfully

S. Pickens

No agreement has yet been signed for James Wambedick. Will you please get one filled in ready for him when he goes home.

Feb: 22d 87

Dr Wallon

Dr Sir

I wish Chilcoat not having returned from Institute - there is still a charge against him of $7 for delft late away - which will you please collect for me at the next Deposit.

David Minnemie will return home for holidays receiving $6 50 by his return pay Colly was

New applicants must send name, age, state of health &c - at once. Please let me know if you require any forms of agreement -

Yrs faithfully

L Wilson

Feb 22/87

C. Eaglish Esq.

Dear Sir.

There are still to follow pupils to collect in your Superintendency. David Roll $5; Francis Adams $6; Susanna White $4.00; Julia Kabayah $3.00 Alex. of 6 to at Mary Negaunegezhik $1.00. return by first boat in Spring — Abram Isaac will be charged $6.50, and Wesley Jackson $6.00.

2) Thomas Jackson's time is completed - who is for leave to Cincinnati - but I am proposed to his father Sabey Jackson Hotel keeper as an employe, contract at $10 a month & board - & I am sure will advise his father to this - as in that case he will attend school every night & part of the day Sophia Roll - I shall send home as soon as an opportunity offers for her - & he cannot be spoilt without any application has been made for her - her friends must send $2.25 to pay

3) Mary Peter & Alice Thompson are required to remain here for the summer holidays. For to allow the parents Board-rend $4.50 each to pay the return journey - Holidays begin July 16 & end Sept. 5th

4) New applicants must send name, age, state of health, book ready &c - at once - Please let me know how many forms of application needed.

Yrs faithfully

T. L. Wilson

Jan 22 1887

Jas. C. Phillips Esq.
Dear Sir

The following persons whose terms
have been up for last quarter are
Philomine Sawyer — of Sheboygan
Harriet Conley — " Black River
Magoie "
Jacob Depauwenack

Will you kindly get agents signed for me for two
forty 5 years each — unless this is done the children
will not be allowed to return for holiday — a clean
bill of health from the Institution unless the parents or guardian finds cloth-
ing for them to go in.

If there are any fresh applicants for admission
the application will be made at once stating name
age, state of health &c &c

Of the children in your Superintendency — Edward Beers
Peter Walkabout & Paul Pokweskwakkumik are
required to remain for Public Examination holidays — the
rest may go home for Summer vacation — of the
parents living [illegible] for the quarter ending Dec 31st
[illegible] Black River [illegible] Pete 50 —
[illegible] wanted kindly let them know by
return mail

Yours truly
W. H. Nelson

Dec 22/87

H. Brandon
Esq
Montreal

Sir -

Please credit
Indian Homes acct with endorsed
Draft for £100 -
(Re A56033 - Birmingham Bank Co Limited)

Yrs truly
T. L. Wilson

Feb. 23rd/81

My dear Miss Gibbins

Your letter received yesterday, enclosing cheque for £100 as a contribution towards our proposed Branch Home in the North West was indeed a pleasant surprise — and I thank you most heartily for your kindness. We have now a little over £200 towards the object and I think & all of my friends one Home, instead of two, at any rate at present. As soon as navigation opens — about the 2nd week in May — I intend — God willing — to travel up again to the North West with a view to determine on the site where the Branch Home is to be built. About two weeks ago I returned from a most interesting little trip into the States — My object being to see what was being done towards the education and Christian training of Indian children across the border. I visited Philadelphia, Washington, — & went as far South as Hampton in Virginia. I saw

indeed astonished & delighted & pained in Retrospect, earnest manner the Americans are taking up the question of educating the young Indians. A few years ago their policy was to fight them and exterminate them; but within the last 7 or 8 years they have quite changed their policy - & are now spending large sums of money in teaching the children & instructing them in Industrial pursuits - I visited 8 of their large Institutions - at one there were 600 Indian pupils, at another 150, at another 200. The work was begun first by a few philanthropic people - just as we have begun our work here - but now the Institutions are mainly supported by Government. The American Government is now spending a million dollars, £200,000 a year - solely in educating the young Indians. I came back from my trip by way of Canada - visited Ottawa - had a long interview with the heads of our new Indian Department. - I am proposing them to enlarge our premises here so as to take 300 pupils - besides erecting 2 Branch Homes or receiving houses. Do you think the Society of Friends in England - would do a little to help in this work - if they knew about it. I would be most happy to supply information which is desired -

Yours very sincerely S. H. Wilson

Feb: 24 /87

Dear Mr Roswell

I have just received yr letter of the 22nd inst re land near Elkhorn - I would not like to decide on the spot without knowing a little more about it - Is it on the track & does it command the creek? Is there any creek or water supply? How deep have wells generally to be sunk? What description is the soil subsoil? Is the land good - What proportion of it first class? How much could be grown? What is there of the improvements - brick - land on the spot? Are there any trees - any prospect upon it when the buildings could be located?

Then again we are likely to lose our claim for it & with it I can claim as the first

on 2? week in May. If you [illegible]
desirable because it could [illegible]
for on the preemption [illegible]
&c?
And lastly What is the price?
You speak of my visit to Ottawa but it
do you mean the Indian or some other
Department? And do it change [illegible]
to Lord Mico is Brecken?
Dear, sorry to trouble you with so many
questions - but we like to get a clear idea
about it before [illegible]
I am glad to hear that Indian is doing so
well - What do you propose for him if he remain
with you after his year?
You will be glad to hear that a Quaker Lady
in England has just sent me £100 for Brant
House - So we have now over $2000 in hand
& have just put $1000 to interest that [illegible]
If he is sustained - I hope it is correct.

Yrs very sincerely
E. Dickson

Harrisburg
Feb: 25/57

Dear Sir

Before I left Penn
Yatton I was engaged you to
work for us - I would like
you to understand that I
engage you for 3 months at
$8 a month & board - from
June 15th to Sept 15th - Hours
by 7 to 12 a.m - 1 to 6 p.m -
I also to have work as needed -
Half holiday allowed on Saturday
unless work is particularly
pressing - Kindly let me
have a note by return that you agree
to this -

Yours truly
S. K. Wilson

Harrisburg
March 3/57

Dr Ed. Pa Rail

Dear Sir

I need scarcely say that it
would oblige me very much if you
could kindly give insertion to the enclosed
card Being very prepaid extension -
I have drawn it to cover 3 columns -
if this is too much - perhaps you could
reduce it. I will gladly pay
for the cost of cutting the block - & when
finished I will like either to have it
sent to me - or 200 impressions either
sent to me. I would also like
2 dozen copies of the paper that it is
in - to send to friends in England -
I enclose stamps for same -

Yours faithfully
S. K. Wilson

I enclose also some sketches,
cut from Annual Reports of our present hospital
& sketch of new hospital now by our Building Committee

The Editor of the Mail

Sault Ste Marie
March 3rd 87

Dear Sir

I have, very kindly given insertion to several of my letters relative to the proposed extension of our work here at the Sault, and Home. I am now going to ask you the favor of inserting a cut shewing what that proposed extension is, and also a bill giving the estimated cost of the proposed new buildings. I am asking the Government to shoulder the main cost of the undertaking; but I very much like that among the Christian public there may be found some who will be willing to aid me in my efforts, and there may be those who would like to mark the year of our Queen's Jubilee by founding one of the buildings. That appears on the above plan.

These Homes, when established, are intended to draw pupils from all parts of the Great North West - and there are to be two Receiving Houses, or preparatory schools for Rural Districts, one on the Western boundary of Manitoba, the other in the North of Ontario.

Yours &c - E. F. WILSON.

Mission Board, Domestic and Foreign Missions, Treasurer's department, Report of Receipts for the closing of the books on July 31st. 1900 to November 30th. 1900.---So and so for Algoma, so and so for North West Missions &c. &c. , the amounts trifling and not worth mentioning, and - LABRADOR $1.

As I read this least item I think of the hard working missionary -isolated from all his friends -poor food -humble dwelling -hard work -little fruit perhaps to his labours -many trials -many discomforts -ice -snow -

And I am reminded also of another missionary friend who pathetically wrote later, to these same Church papers,-not complaining -not begging -but simply stating -that during the cold cold winter the heat of the stove made the snow melt on the miserable roof of his miserable hut and come dripping in drip drip drip over his bed and furniture, -and that the bread for the Sacrament froze during service on the Communion table.

And I think too of the Lord of the Harvest sitting up above and I wonder what he thinks of all this-

And I remember how St. Paul and his co-workers laboured, -and how peoples' breasts were fired with holy zeal in those days -and how people out of their poverty gave liberally to help him in his work -

And I declare that this so called Missionary work with all its circuitous windings and channels through which the little driblets of offerings are required to pass is a farce -A MISERABLE FARCE. -What is this Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions but a farce. To what object is all this machinery and organization while peoples' hearts remain unstirred -while people calling themselves Christians are wholly given over to NINETEENTH CENTURY IDOLATRY !

It seems to me that the Lord of the Harvest is sitting on high -above those feathery clouds -and that he is looking down -sadly -aye it seems to me angrily -aye in hot displeasure upon this MISERABLE CARICATURE OF CHRISTIAN CHARITY.

Why do you christian men who have your thousands stored away let your wives give their $5 nest eggs -and your daughters go round with their collecting books getting a quarter here and a half dollar there to "carry on" this great Missionary work -instead of yourselves stepping forward and proving the truth of your christian profession by laying down YOURSELVES AND YOUR THOUSANDS AT THE FEET OF THE SAVIOUR

I tell you the work to which you have put your hands cannot prosper, the cause of christianity must suffer so long as this terrible spirit of selfishness shall hold sway in our midst -so long as the missionaries are on the far front of the battle -and you aid them not -Yea your sin it seems to me is that of David who sent his brave captain Uriah to the front to fight and die -and never shed a tear over his death -

I cry shame and disgrace on the church that can act in this manner - Send your secretaries and your treasurers and your paper missions to the winds -and let us see some manly and Christ-like work. -Let there be no more of reporting publicly as the WHOLE RESULT of four months systematic collecting for christian missions - N. W. missions mere handful of silver, Saskatchewan $4.40 ,LABRADOR $1.

No 7903

March 4th 1887.

Copy and Extension.

The Superintendent General
of Indian affairs.

Sir

I desire to add as a
postscript to my letter addressed to you bearing 27th
ult. in addition to the proposed extension of the
Port Huron & Sarnia Railway I propose to
run a Branch Home, as a receiving house or
reformatory school, at the western extremity of
Manitoba, probably near Pelican, towards which
there is a line of road in use.

and one Branch Home, as already proposed, in
the neighborhood of Sarnia. The Sarnia and
Port Huron Visiting Lady, and my
correspondents for this, I have proposed to them
the erection. The Chief Justice in
Sarnia & Town I have spoken and my much in
favor of the scheme, & I have reason to think that
both the Town Council of Sarnia & the County Council
would render assistance.

I am to be
Sir
Your obedient servant
Edward Ryan

present in correspondence
with a lady in England who
wrote to some time ago
about me. I had told her
I should - I have no time
at present in prospect -
The Lakes is 170 miles dale
found -
Mrs Stevenson, my bill
health & obliged to leave by
end of this month - & I wish
to get settled as soon as possible
for the winter
Yrs truly
F. L. Wilson

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I know it must involve much labor - but it will take time - but it must always necessarily be a crude concern when compiled solely from one person's observations to undertake a work of such magnitude especially at the same time - can this work be crude & incomplete - would it not be a pity to have a book but would fall in the case of my Natural Geographical tales are - where I am now located - how I am related on earth - but as this is a little visit into the realms of romance (or common sense) I shall [illegible] Now (as) is such a work

Sault Ste Marie
March 18/87

L. Vankoughnet Esq.
Dear Sir

If not too busy can you kindly tell me
or get me some information on the following points.

1) Whether there is any book or report or Blue Book publication that will tell me how many Indians are divided - I want to know just how many tribes there are in Canada - what the names of these tribes are - what the number - where they are located.

2) If there is no such publication could you give me the name & address of any parties in the Hudson Bay Service, British Columbia, Mackenzie River District, or Northern Manitoba Places - either connected with the Department or the Hudson Bay Service with whom I might correspond.

It would be conferring a great favor on me if you could kindly put me in the way of obtaining the above information - I remain dear Sir

Yours very faithfully
Edward [illegible]

Sault Ste Marie
March 10th

Dear Dr Hale –

I have lately been visiting in the States – have been to Madison – where I had interviews with Dr Dillig, Major Powell, Professor Daniels – also both personally & by letter with Professor Thwaites Madison Wisconsin.

I want to ask you – Can you tell me where the 130,000 Canadian Indians are divided? How many tribes are classified according to their tribes? Is there any book or pamphlet that can tell me just how many tribes there are in Canada – Where are their names – What they are – & where they are located?

If there is no such book or pamphlet – would you advise me as to steps to collect the required information?

Can you give me the names of any persons in the Hudson Bay Territory, British Columbia, McKenzie River district or the remote places with whom it would be desirable to correspond?

Excuse I shall not be troubling you too much –

Yours sincerely
J. C. Wilson

March 11/80

Rev. Mr. Kelsey Esq.

Dear Sir

Lem Long says we have a B. B. girl sick - Jane Warren - She was taken sick 4 days ago at the Wawarsink - & as nearly I can learn she is located where she is in care of Mrs. Pratt - & Dr. Reid attends her - She vomits & says she is in the bowels - She has vomited 2 worms - & is very sick with a bad kind of fever - The doctor is rather afraid of it more - & that case there will be done - I can account to parents - & tell them that we are doing all that can be done for her -

Joseph Lampman's mother has written a letter - we think from will be worse this season - Please tell her so, - that he is one who is remaining here, as he needs not much more -

All the other children & both Mothers are quite well - This is the first case of sickness we have had this winter -

Yours faithfully

C. J. Wilson

March 14 (87

Dear Mrs Bridell

I am sorry to find on making enquiries that you still fail to get up in the morning & attend to your duties altho always called once & frequently twice.

I must ask you now (as I suggested before) to leave the clock in your room & shall hold you responsible to get up in the morning.

If you refuse this I shall leave my own breakfast at 7 o'clock & see to it myself & in that case (must) give you notice to leave Feby 28.

I cannot say that you have made no effort (as it seems to me) to do your duty in this matter - as I thought after our last Conversation that you had [illegible] I should have [illegible] before the [illegible]

Yours respectfully
H. Wilson

To Gentlemen
Establishment -
Remain in Bed
Except for one
no Breakfast
Breakfast clock
Dinner at Dec 12 &
Supper

Rec. 53
Ans. 25
Comm. 25

March 14th 1849

My dear Lord -

I received yr letter of the 8th on Saturday - & fully appreciate your kindness & consideration. I have no wish for a moment to do anything that will injure or in any way hinder either yourself or the Diocese - the proposals I have made have all been in good faith & as I trust with a right purpose.

1 In regard to the Commissary Office - the Diocese has 24 Clergy - of these 4 only are engaged in Indian work - My work lies almost exclusively among Indians - it seemed to me almost fair that some one else should act as yr Commissary. If any of the Clergy would prefer it - I am certainly very much relieved - If you really wish me to continue - & think that my giving it up might be misinterpreted - I am quite willing that things remain as they are -

2 The Chaplaincy I should prefer giving up - if you do - it will not [illegible] - as it entails a great deal of

work & how it progresses – Work as you know it is hard for me to find time for –

(3) The Editorship of A.M.N. alas I wish to give up – & I can't think any one would wish to have it on his shoulders in the way I have had it. I shall of course however continue to contribute to it when in the humour –

(4) 'Our Forest-Children' – I think has become a necessity. It is one of the levers by which I hope to raise up my prospective work among the Indians – & found it in any way clash with A.M.N. does – It is not a magazine – but simply an occasional sheet & small pretty – Copies of it (if you approve) might be enclosed with the issues of A.M.N.

(5) The reduction in my salary which I spoke of – I leave in yr hands – If any change comes into yr treasury I shall of course be glad to receive my share of pay – but if it runs short I wish to be the first one to be cut off as it will be many years towards paying governors & such luxuries – Whereas 25 dollars of my brethren in the ministry it means bread & cheese.

Mrs W. & myself were both very sorry to hear of Mr. Ellis's & Mr. Hall's that you are afraid recovered. I hope Mr. Rand has arrived & run his feelers into –

Yr ever friend –

C. F. Wilson

Mr. Hall's & Mr. Rand's address
are on the backs.

Dranich 1-1/87

Dear Madam

Many thanks for your pamphlet
& manuscript. I #1250 Lantern slide Kennedy
Smith based support of Primaine Lamprey
She is a big pink & in age - Troops Indian
Race - black hair eyes pleasant expression
work well & cunky & - backward at present
in learning, & can't speak much English. She
lives on the Victoria Island Reserve - She is one
our remarkable - not a Pictou girl about her hat
I can come near in for making quick work
- Clearness & taste. My time is very
much occupied & I have to put as much as I
can into a little - Boxes cannot be sent
before Feb 1st - Mrs -

Yours sincerely
J. C. Wilson

March 14/87

Dear Mr. Macdonald

Capt. Pratt took 141 of his Carlisle Indian pupils (Pennsylvania) to New York & Philadelphia a few weeks ago & exhibited tableaux shewing the Indian children at their various work &c &c. Secretary Lamar and Gen. Grant were present. & the newspapers report that the affair was most successful & did more to open people's eyes as to what Indians are capable of than would any amount of written reports.

May I ask you kindly to say whether you would approve or disapprove of my attempting something of the same kind - say to bring 30 boys & girls from our Homes (via Sioux Falls) to Ottawa and Montreal.

And if so - would the end of June be a convenient time?

I trust you will allow Mr. Secretary to send me a line in reply.

I remain Dear Sir Yours faithfully

Edward R. Wilson

March 17, 87

Rev. C. L. Morrill

Dear Sir

My mother for a letter
enclosing $15 as a first installment towards the
support of an Indian boy. I have much
pleasure in allowing Jan Joseph Sampson
a boy who has been with us about two years
but is at present without support. He is
a very good well behaved boy - 15 years old -
& is one of our monitors.

I hope you have no need to be alarmed in
regard to the future of the Shingwauks. Certainly we
shall always have as many - if not more - Church
of England boys in the Home as at present. & they
will always be in Ch. of Eng. S. School & service - but
if we take 300 as I hope - a large proportion
necessarily must be Methodists & Presbyterians -
& I think ought to have the option of attending
their own place of worship. This is the only change I
have to propose. Yours sincerely -

E. F. Wilson

Brandon 7/87

My dear Dr Pollard -

What would you say to the idea of my bringing 30 of my Indian Children (20 boys & 10 girls) to Ottawa & Montreal about the end of June - for a grand meeting in Music Hall or some such place - to consist of tableaux - Sheaving the boys at their trades - girls at laundry work - house work &c - School gymnastics - recitations - debates &c - Capt Pratt has done this very successfully with his Carlisle School - he took one of his pupils to Philadelphia & New York. At present this is merely an idea of mine - but if we do it we shall want time to prepare - If there any good music among the lady's who would take it up - it would add both to the Show & to the ladies - I have written to Sir John - to ask his opinion.

Yrs sincerely -

D. J. Nelson

March 17 '87

My dear Mr Lindley

I have much pleasure in sending you a packet of "Our Forest Children" & Part 2 which I shall be obliged if Mrs Henderson will kindly circulate them.

What do you say to the idea of my bringing 30 of my Indian children (20 boys & 10 girls) to Ottawa & Montreal about the end of June for a grand entertainment. Music Recitations & some such plan & consist of tableaux. Bring the boys & their trades - girls at needlework housework &c. School songs &c. Singing recitations debates &c.

Capt. Pratt has done this very successfully with his Indians at Carlisle Penn. took over 100 of his pupils to Philadelphia & New York. at present this is merely an idea of mine but if we do it we shall want time to prepare. Will you, Mrs Henderson & Mrs Lindley talk it over & let me know.

Very sincerely yours

J. E. Wilson

March 18th/42

Dr. R. H. Grindon

Dear Sir

I duly yr note just received. I am quite willg for you to resign yr situation at the end of yr year - May it - And am very sorry that there should have been any unpleasantness between us - I have not treated you either contemptuously or in an unpolite manner at any time but I think have been most forbearing with you - considering the insolent way in which you have refused to attend to the rules of the Institution. I hope that during the rest of yr time here you will do your best to make things more pleasant for yourself & me - I will do all I can to help you - & hope that you will be more careful in future - Yours truly

S. H. Wilbur

Lowell Mass
March 16th/42

Mr Cattabbo -
Dear Madam
Yr is to hand
Peter Cattabbo
Fortunatabbo
Have the Summer
holidays - Peace
Will be over
begin - July 16th -
How are
letter - Write
All the boys
Yours truly -

[illegible] with a [illegible] at teach[illegible] & a good manager
[illegible] at the same time be a nursing [illegible] Indian
[illegible] & may I train them in the fear & love of
God.

I enclose a copy of my rules & shall
be much obliged if you will answer at
your earliest convenience

Yr sincere[illegible]
S. H. Wilson

Kingsville Ohio
March 15/07

Rev. A. Hewitt D.D.
Secy &c.

Dear Sir:

Brother Jones as soon as
possible, Rev. H. Hawkins is
Pres. & Treasurer &
Secretary for another year. &
Brother Hall #120
What proportion of Lot would
the Boy would like?
Can remain as - Except he is
Will Hawn H. Boys & teach school.
Friends Hawn at once as I
know Friend D. Bellows would like
a Hawn in Arkansas
Respectfully
S. H. Wilson

March 22 /87

Dear Mrs Bligh

I do not like to wait longer before answering your letter. The lady in England to whom the post was offered some time ago has not yet written definately but I am expecting to hear every week. It is also my intention that she enter upon her duties before the summer.

Consequently I think it best to ask you whether you will accept the post from May 1st to Oct 1st - with the understanding that if the lady finds you will continue on - but if she comes we pay your expenses back to Collingwood. I shall be very much obliged if you will consent to this. We will also pay your expenses from Collingwood here. The salary is $2.00 & all found. I could not consent to your considering any less work but I will try & raise the salary to $2.50 if there is a prospect of your settling in with us. Throwing your heart into the work. I am most anxious to find some one for the Pavement Home

March 25th

Dear Sir

Many thanks for your kind letter & for sending me the debate

We have just started an "Onward and Upward Club" among our boys which with the successful. The endorsed card is the ticket for admission to the first grade. To-night we have the debate - "Resolved that Canada has treated the Indians better than the United States".

I wrote a few days ago to Dr Potts - suggesting my bringing about 30 of our children boys & girls to Ottawa & Montreal about the end of June - for a public entertainment - Indians chiefly their work & their trades - a debate - singing &c - What would you think of it? - Yours sincerely

J. A. Wilson

March 29/87

W. W. Walton

Dear Sir

I wish to withdraw my offer of $1000 for your 40 acres and for land and now offer you $1600 for the same. Will hold good for two weeks

Yours truly

J. L. Wilson

March 29/87

Dear Mr Burgess

I am just recd 2[d] letter — I am planning for a visit as follows — Visit Indians near Prowdd May 12–15 — Reach Elkhorn 5.33 pm 16th — on again West Friday 20th — Sunday again at Elkhorn — Wednesday June 3[d] — to — my new pupils.

I am quite willing to this June arrt as far as I is within ye command — provided he can pay cost of his return trip (2 trips) — $20. I owe $3.50 to his Co in the Savings Bank. Is he could loan me the $16.50 — [illegible] — Will $3[d] — [illegible] — $1 to [illegible]

March 29/87

My dear Canon Matheson —

I am planning for another trip to the N. West this Spring — & expect to reach Winnipeg on the up trip (N.P.) at A.10 a.m. Tuesday May 10th — On again West at 2.40 am. Thursday May 12.

I in that time get out to visit Archdeacon Cowley — ? He [illegible] my kindly invited me last summer but I was unable to go. Is not Elkhorn the station where I ought to stop — ? Perhaps you will kindly ascertain from the Archdeacon whether it is convenient then — & direct me (in that case) how that time. [illegible] accompanied by a young Indian boy Present — aged 17 — [illegible] years [illegible] has accompanied [illegible] Plains and [illegible] at the reading [illegible]

If pay home if his father dies - I do not wishes to come back again - He is very happy & likes alog work. I strongly disadvise letting any of the Sioux return & it might be better not to pay off soon the money & and his credit. Indeed part of the money has been earned by his work here - & I could not let it be used for his home. I am planning for some of them to spend part of the summer holidays with friends whom they have made here at the School - & this will be much better than their going home.

If Jean comes with us - I will defer his returning then I go back - & in that case will take up to the cost - as a gift to his mother - but he will not know this till the $16.50 is paid in full. I will be glad also to bring back 3 or 4 more boys or girls - if there are any willing to come - either from Pembina or Oak Lake - We have lately formed a Debating & Literary Club - & I am chosen [illegible]

Sault Ste Marie
March 29, 87

To the Most Rev. the Lord Bishop
of Quebec.

My dear Lord

I am arranging for another trip to the N. West this Spring – & trying to secure an Indian boy to the Mission work at Metlakahtla. Last year we succeeded in getting 12 of them & I can very soon after get 20 more – but the rest are all doing well & making rapid progress.

As money comes in slowly I think now of establishing on Branch Mission just on the border between Moose & Assa. I have already $2000 towards it – & am asking Govt for a grant.

A young Englishman – son of an English clergyman – named Robin Besant aged 17 – is coming up with me this Spring – My plan is to reach La Ronge Station N. 1.30 a.m. Saturday May 2. – Leave on Great Lenten (the Hudson's Bay boat) Road Monday morning – start in Indian boat & canoe to the Indian Reserve at La Ronge

and Regina. If any of the Indians are willg to part w. their children I propose on reachg Regina to send Besant back with the book board - pick them up & take them to Qu'Appelle. Then I go on & fetch them & visit the Blackfeet in Mr Lewis' missn. My plan is to reach Qu'Appelle on the return trip at 11. 30 p.m. Wednesday June 8th. - stay one day if necessary - & then on ~~to~~ West. Could you kindly facilitate my Besant getg board & lodging during the few days that will intervene between his reachg Qu'Appelle on the way back & my getg there. I thought perhaps you would let him stay at the Church Farm if he pays for his board - & if he has any Indian children they could be in a tent.

I trust I am not troubling you too much about this - but remember less kind you were 2 summers ago when I was at Regina.

Yrs very sincerely
J. Wilkes

If at times I have mentioned for a rival of his in my last years - of course - it will be in terms most friendly.

Sault Ste Marie
March 29/85

Henry Beatty Esq
Dear Sir

You last year kindly assisted me in obtaining passes over the C. P. R. at reduced fare. I want to start at once by navigation and spend 6 weeks in the Rockies - a young Englishman Robin Besant is going with me as companion. My object is to visit as many Indian Reserves as possible and bring down pupils to our Institution - If time allows I will go as far as Calgarry, & would like to stop at Wabigoon Lake, Rat Portage, Winnipeg, Griswold, Elkhorn, Qu'Appelle, Regina, Gleichen & possibly one or two other points - I hope you can secure me six free tickets for myself, companion & the same for my Indian children I may bring back.

Yours faithfully
C. A. Nelson

Mar 25/84

My dear Mr. Irvine

I am arranging (at last)
to go 5th on a visit to Mr Robt West.
Accompanied by Miss Pigott – & Mr
Robin Bevan (a young Oxonian aged 19)
My plan is to reach Woubigon
Lake at 10.30 p.m. Friday May 4th.
Remain for Sunday & start Westward
with Bevan at 10.30 a.m. Monday
leaving Miss Pigott to go back with me
to Lac du Bonnet.

I am (1) not
quite satisfied with arrangement (2)
Miss Pigott (3) Not to
visit Lac du Bonnet (4) Not
to complete arrangements
for the 3 days

in Dr Wilcox's tent - and let us have
them as soon as possible.

Should your letter in reply fail to
reach us before we start - we shall
carry out our part of the program
(a copy of which Dr Wilcox has) -
& if you are not there we can find
accommodation (the Boarstons I understand
are away) we will make a stop for our
lunch - & then move on elsewhere.

Dan has 3 boys Gilbert
Hugh & Cromarty are all fit & Glendinning
Gilbert was in hospital 3 or 4 days - but is
now all right again.

Dr Elliot has 4 as far as Fleisch 5 boys
Hugh & 2 Blackfeet boys - & will be back
at Banff on June 6th - & pick up
his Pipe - & more boys & girls. Also
my Wife & 2 boys from Home - but I
don't know the date yet.

Yours sincerely -
J. H. Wilson

March 29, 85

My dear Dr Roswell -

Dan makes the following plan
for visit to N. W.

(Reach Maxwell 3.40 p.m. Thursday
May 12. Leave Maxwell 2 a.m.
Friday May 16. Reach Elkhorn
5.33 p.m. Sat. - Leave Elkhorn
5.33 p.m. Friday May 29 - Reach
Dr Chappelle - stop a - & Fleischer -
Reach Elkhorn on return journey at
5.44 a.m Friday June 3 - Leave
for the East 2.44 a.m. Saturday.

I shall try & pick up more pupils
at each place - namely Dr Chappelle
Regina Fleischer Elkhorn & on my
own Brandon - (Dr Bell) -
(Robin Brandon - & many pupils
will be with me up to Dr. a

Regina -

Could can meet Hat Archie
meet me at his wold Or Sunday
12th - stay over Sunday & come back
with me Monday?

Also do you know if Mr Bowman
is home yet from England & if he will
be home by that time - If not,
can you any friend at his wold
or out at the Mission where you
could ask to accommodate us
for the 3 days we would be there
or - is there any boarding house?

Mr Burgess recommends my
bro's Jas Cadman for a holiday
as his father & sister have died -

I'll do so - if the return journey at
Price can be paid - to Coal & Port
Colborne is $10, or to load $2.50 ∴ return
fare $7.5. I have $8.50 now standing
to your credit. Some of the Rev Stone
& wife visit with their Officers friends during
the present [illegible] C. A. Nelles

Shingwauk Home
Sault Ste Marie
May 2nd/89

My dear Dr Rendon

I have just received your letter & have run all the way off on my plan for a run trip to the North West. As you say June 6th will suit you best. I have arranged accordingly. We leave here (S.M.) May 5th & Bishop Pipe will pay a visit to Mr Cowgill at Lac Last (Man.) Bishop I go on to Regina & so far west as the Rockies. By all [illegible] Bishop Pipe back to Port Arthur June 6th - & if trains have not been changed we Rockwood Reception at 4 last 4 that afternoon

I shall have a young fellow named Bryant with me as my [illegible] - & he will leave us at Port Arthur & [illegible] to the Sault any new Indian [illegible] - I am very busy down [illegible]

Of course it is possible that circumstances may prevent my coming & Reception - it may be [illegible] I shall [illegible] to the Sault

from East Arthur – but I am very anxious to come and see you again if possible – and I think you may at any rate depend on Miss Pipe coming to you at that time. I suppose you have no boys whom you want to send to school. It would be a pity perhaps to lessen your numbers by sending any children away – but if you wish to send one or two I have parents who will be glad to take them. We have recently started an "Onward & Upward Club" which bids fair to be successful. We hold our meetings on Friday evenings & have a debate – the subject being – "Resolved that Canada has treated the Indians better than the United States".

I am very glad to hear that Joseph is doing well – Please give him my kind regards – also remember me most kindly to Mrs Renison & all the flock at White Dog Indians.

Yours sincerely
E. F. Wilson

I have to go to Toronto on Friday.
I am expecting Miss Jane Pipe to come to Carlton College – & think from my present plans I shall be there about the 15th of March.

Sault Ste Marie
March 29/89

Capt. S. R. Lyons
Dear Sir

Yours of the 26th inst to hand and noted contents. I am sorry you could not give me some particulars about the Blackfeet Indians at Black Lake. I added a P.S. that I would try if possible to visit you this Spring. I would like to bring back 2 or 3 Blackfeet boys from Shingwauk Home if the parents could be persuaded to let them go. I am now making definite arrangements for a trip to the N. West. & if I can succeed in carrying out my plan. I shall hope to meet you at Fletcher at 7.20 am Sunday morning May 29 & to leave again for the ~~North~~ West at 4.30 p.m. Same day. There are some new time tables. Of trains on Algoma. I do not think it will arrive by that train preceding the one mentioned. I am sending you our last annual Report of Work & Hospital &c & Shingwauk & Indians. Please write at once & say if the arrangements will suit you.

Yours very sincerely
J. A. Wilson

March 3 [illegible]

Dear Dr. Berry.

I. Bishop has not yet obtained from — but I do not despair from that. He assures me he examines you for Priest's orders. but that I had also ordered a registration as Deaf[illegible]. I am so exceedingly pressed with Sun work that it is quite impossible for me to keep on.

Let write me that Dr. Osborn will hurry you as fast & examine as possible. & must. Let with God's blessing you may be success

Yr friend —

J. Wilson

March 3 [illegible]

Dear Bro. Jessop.

I have seen with pleasure from Br. Pinckney that Miss Williams would grant you a money which I asked for but he has not yet written. I have also seen with pleasure from Br. Jewell that the Sunday School would like you to come for another year but Br. Jewell has not yet written. As I hear you have not yet left & do. Our Synod Board with you & stay at least one year at School — when all your Exam. & I will try [illegible] rough money [illegible]

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you to do so. When you do try to pass teachers' examination I think you ought try & get a second class certificate - & not be satisfied with a 3rd class. I would like you to stay one more year at Port Perry - & then I will see if the Government will do for you.

We are all well here now. The new hospital has several patients. Jane Warner & Nancy Henry from Prattsville Island are sick but they are both better. Miss Pigott is in charge of the hospital.

Yours sincerely -

Edward E. Wilson

We have lately started an "Onward & upward club". I move a question for debate. "Resolved that Canada treats the Indians

April 6/07

(Mrs. Edward Cockburn)

Dear Mrs. Edward Cockburn

Yesterday I received some circulars of the Bonds Reliable - & it is very well printed & got up. I am sorry however you have printed 2000 Circulars. Last year some time ago asked you to send me some definite estimate as to what it would cost & got out. I was waiting for you before deciding how many to have - as it did not come - & I was afraid you would be kept waiting. I told you how many to print - & I have also sent you a list of addresses & when the Circulars are to be mailed. It was a pity you did not send a copy with the proof - It was utterly impossible to correct proof without it - as the items are all jumbled up from the account books & the different books & records from which I have to draw the data. We must do our

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April 6th 1869

(Prof. R. Hartmann

Dear Sir I am afraid I presumed a little too much on your kindness & goodwill when I wrote you Oct. 16th asking about the $300 collected by Mr. J. Wareham. I inquired for you were in sympathy with my work - otherwise I would not have suggested the money being applied towards our Japan Institution at Tokio.

As to "high church" I know nothing about "high church or low church" - I try to teach my Indian children the one way of Salvation in Christ Jesus Christ crucified & that by must by the good soldiers servants of Jesus & so by his help overcome sin & temptation.

My decision has long been that all Protestant denominations would stand & fight Romanism to advance of Romanism.

As to gifts our Homes with Japan children - I think any one who has worked among the Indian & visited them - their Japan state must know that this is simply an impossibility. At the Institution in the States the Japan children have come as mere "prisoners of war" - & have forced by their Govt. Our Govt. uses no force & can persuasion to help us. I do all I can to get Japan - am going next month on my 3d trip to the West. Nevertheless I do not consider it money wasted in the certain acquisition [illegible] Yours truly R. K. Miller

St. Louis Mo.
April 6/87

Rev. O. L. Spencer
Dr. Sir

I am very glad to hear of your intended visit to Keokuk & Hannibal & think you may do no inconsiderable amount of good by so doing. We might prepare some tableaux as it were - showing the boys & girls at their different occupations & trades for your stereopticon. The boys would be delighted to see your magic lantern & if you can manage to bring it with you - I am to be away to the North West - May 6th to June 15th - Holidays begin July 15 - So could you manage to come between the last dates? -

Yours sincerely
S. H. Wilson

St. Louis Mo.
April 6/87

Dear Mr. Bliss -

I asked Mr. Wilson to write & you fully what he has done so. A letter came from the Superintendent almost by the same mail as yours declining -

Miss Schneevais she was there last April 87 - has kindly consented to remain till May 87 - After that we shall have no one - but the girl can be at home clear till May 10. So if you settle to come please arrange to arrive not later than that if possible. Holidays this year are from July 15 to Sept 3. $12 a week is allowed you for board. Wife in residence - not Mrs. Wilson -

If you settle to come - I will really advertise in & identify myself with us & try to make it work a success - I will raise the salary $250 at end of 6 months - Yours truly
S. H. Wilson

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Sault Ste Marie
April 7/87

Revd S. A. Newham
Dr Sir

In reply to your letter just received - the Ladies aid of St Matthias Sunday School Sylvania Keeping - at $75 per annum - in Oct/85. The following remittances have been received on this account - $6.25, $25, $8.50, $8.50, $12, $.75 - total $87.75
The payments are due - Dec. 1, Mch 1, June 1, Sept 1. - $18.75 per quarter in advance -
The $6.25 with which your name was charged was bal due for the 5 quarters terminating Dec. 1/86. (in advance)
There is now due from you — arrears 6.50.
March 1st for quarter in adv. — 18.75
25.25
I very much hope you will be able to continue this support - It is a difficult matter keeping up our funds - Last year our maintenance deficit was $667. Now it is $920. So many aged Schools in arrear - and yet people find fault with me for asking increased aid from government. Yours very truly
T. C. Wilson

Sault Ste Marie
April 9 1877

My dear ——

I wrote by Card from here
Confirmed June 22d 1876 4 males 9
females —

In view of establishing our Homes on a
larger scale here & bring boys & girls all gather
in one Schoolroom for instruction (separate
hand) room as is done in the States — I think
it will be desirable to dispose of the Wawanosh
Home property if we get a good offer. Just
now as I daresay you have heard there is
a 'boom' in the Sault — And I would like to
hear from you whether you as trustee of the
property will approve of the transaction
I will briefly state the reasons why I think
the change will be desirable —
(1) The distance of the present Home from the City and
present the girls obtaining any [illegible] work

in stony weather – also if any of them get sick it is a long distance for me & attend them – & a long way to bring them to the hospital – (We have had one little girl very ill for over a month – & I bet her to the Hospital wrapped up in blankets).

(2) The girls are not as well taught as the boys – as the Sch. inspector testifies – the teacher being inferior – but we could get better & they would learn better if all together.

(3) The water supply is very poor at the Waiwakaiho – at present Wm Bridge is depending on melted snow for water for meals – We have sunk 2 wells over the creek – but cannot get a steady supply of water & the girls are moved here – I shall build a new laundry close to the river.

The total cost of the 15 acres land – & the buildings – including Land – at the Waiwakaiho – has been about £6000. If we can sell at £6500 I think we had better do so.

If we effected a sale – I would try & rent Stratton house or make some other temporary arrangement for the Summer – till new buildings are ready.

If you approve – it might be well to telegraph as things are pretty brisk just now – but if you think it requires consideration – or have further questions to ask I will wait a letter –

Yrs sincerely –
F. C. Wilson

I visited the camp of the N. M. May 5 to June 16.

P. S.

Mrs. Wilson requests Ketchum will [illegible] us. Why did you build the Drawbridge so far away from the Stockade. If it is decided to move them together?

In reply to this. When we first started we had 25 boys & 5 girls all in the one building. And a dormitory on another block after them. The girls had all the dormitory. And only us & consequently had them in and out the boys dormitories.

And we had most trouble with them.

(2) I do not see why we build the Warehouse [illegible] away if I do have it in a suitable situation.

(3) My new plan (following the U. S. system) is to have separate buildings for boys & girls but all to come together for meals. Boys to do their own scrubbing, sweeping & no girls ever to go to their quarters.

(4) The idea in the States - is that Indian boys & girls ought to be taught to mix together and associate in a decent manner. & so they learn socials & every week. This is a new idea to me. but I think there is something in it.

C. McC

Sault Ste Marie
April 9 1887

My dear Dr Hale -

Many thanks for your kind and encouraging letter - I was very much struck with the similarities as I supposed published this year I could not expect to produce anything that would be of real value myself - I have a fair Cree Grammar &c - but do not suppose that any one is either a philologist or Ethnologist - Still I may perhaps be able to collect some of the material required - & comparison may be of some service. As a preliminary step I am writing home to a few missionaries and others in the North West - British Columbia - and Rupert's district &c - asking for a little vocabulary of the tribes in their neighbourhood - a vocabulary of some 20 words - & names and addresses of any whom they know who could give me further help - It seems to me this is the first step - to get a good address list - of men who can furnish what I want. & I can judge by the style of the letters I get in reply whether those from whom I have already written are likely to be of further

information [illegible] Niven [illegible]
a little pamphlet with blanks to be filled in
— this I shall ask you — & perhaps also the
authorities at the Smithsonian to revise — before
it is printed — & send round & those
you already undertaken to correspond with me.
— I shall try to get photographs &c &c — as
well as written information.

My chief enemy in this work is my wife
who says I am attempting too much.
Of course I am not going to hurry about it — It
is to be just a little recreation between hours —
& may take 10 years to accomplish.

Dr Asa Gray has kindly sent me the
C[ontributions] of Scouler (you mention) — & I have read
the article with much interest.

I will write Blake & also to Dr Dawson.
About May 5 — I start on another trip west —
& hope to get as far as Calgarry.

Will you kindly look over
enclosed list — & correct — or
add to it as far as you are
able — with [illegible] Prince Rupert
Lands — I want to get a general idea
[illegible] Indians are known in the country they live in etc.
Please [illegible] write Miss Tolmie, Saint Mary's is my address.

Yrs very sincerely
C. M. Wilson

No 7904

Sault Ste Marie
Oct 5 87

The Depty Supt Genl
of Indian Affairs -

Sir I have the honor of enclosing
you a list of Indian tribes - which I have
collected - so far as I could from the Ind. Dept
Report for 1885 & other sources. And shall
be much obliged if you can inform me
whether the department has at present any
printed report showing the names & numbers of the
tribes in the Peace River, McKenzie River, Labrador,
& Arctic Coast districts -

In Departmental Report that I have seen - the
Indian Agents at the various posts have not in a
few cases defined the number of Indians belonging
to distinct tribes with their agency. Saulteaux
& Crees are classed together in one Report. Six
nation or Indians in another. Ojebways, Ottawas,
& Pottowatamies in another - And yet I believe
the Agents books show the number belonging to
each tribe -

Trusting it may be in your power - if I were so fort

Pat the Agents when rendering their next Reports should be instructed by the Department to give the exact number belonging to each district tribe in their district. It would aid me very much if this could be done without undue interference with the work of the Department.

With the advice & help of the gentlemen interested in the Indians I am trying to collect material with the idea of publishing a treatise at some future time shewing the number, condition &c of all the Indian tribes in Canada.

I should be very much obliged if an endorsed list could be [illegible] & sent back to me - but I am aware, in asking this I shall be trespassing unduly on the time of the Dep.t.

I remain Sir
Your obed.t Servant
Edward A. Meredith

April 13/87

Rev Mackelcan D.D.
Dear Sir

On receiving yr letter of the 25th ult. I wrote to David Hodge recommending him to remain one more year at the School. Erskine is a low minded ill disposed boy - & James Henry I fear is quite untrustworthy - tho' sometimes makes great religious professions. On the part of the School I think it best to send both these boys home as soon as navigation opens. If you can get $12.50 from the parents for each - they passage please do so.

I am encouraging some of the Wallpole boys to take one or two of the Sioux boys from the N. W. to spend part of their holidays with them. Their own homes are too distant for us - & I think it a good plan. But the parents of the Wallpole boys must of course give consent. Could you suggest this idea - also if any will send invitations. (There are also 3 Ojibway boys here from Manitoba) I am trying to take 20 boys & 10 girls to Ottawa & Montreal to give an exhibition and the last week in June. By the way Dr. I may come back via Toronto & Sarnia - & give exhibitions. Where please can you find the 'Public Hall' for me - also ascertain the terms for hire & where I can obtain it.

Yrs truly S. R. Wilson

April 13/87

Rev. J. J. Immegabbowh.

Dear Sir

I was very pleased to receive your nice long letter — read it with much interest. You seem to have with a number of native missionaries working among the Indians in the States. I wish it was the same in Canada. Do you know Rev. John Jacobs, Indian Reserve, Sarnia, Ontario? I expect he would be pleased to hear from you. He is an Ojibway Indian — a priest also. I have a stock on hand of the Ojibway Primers — a reprint of Dr. Evans' with revised by him published by the S.P.C.K. London, & big enough for Canadian Indians. I could send you a few copies. I might be able to send you some Ojibway Testaments & Prayer Books. I will write to Mr. Hunter about it. Yours sincerely

E. F. Wilson

April 13/87

Dear Dr. Carley —

I am posting as soon as I will be in the church to-day. to take 20 of my Indian boys & 20 girls to Ottawa & Montreal towards the end of June & for exhibition & show of what we can do. Tableaux Reading Lessons & Writing Arithmetic Needlework — Dictation — Schoolwork — Scripture Training &c.

If the P. S. R. will act generously we will be home back by Toronto & Sarnia —

Could you put the 'public pulse' for us & let us know what an exhibition in Toronto would be approved. Would the Women's Auxiliary take it up? Of course I will not undertake the expense — unless arrangements could be made for board & lodging

Yours sincerely

E. F. Wilson

No. 7905

Dept. Journal &
Indian Affairs -
Re - Thos Rockwell &

Letter of the 30th ult (No 75:297) in which same are stated by Journal to be 30 of an Indian Children & Others & mentioned shall receive consideration. Do not the Dept. in judging Matters as to the Past would be advisable. I by habit to following programme - If am come - we perform various exercises - & for which we have just had a first rehearsal -

Short Prayers address & Mr. Wilson
1 Tableau - Seven 10 boys at their tasks - Singing Welcome
2 Speech by Miss M. 'What the Little man thinks of the Indians'
" by Thunder 'A short history of my life'.
4 Tableau - Seven 10 boys at the stitching work. Cutting out, making &c
5 Singing rounds & glees - (led by David Wilson)
6 Speech by Master (Wm. Johnston) to the boys and by them
7 Tableau - Seven 10 girls at work (singing while at work)
8 School tasks - by the Senior boys (a boy & little girl 5 &c
9 Dakota Hymns (by the Dakota boys from the N.W.)
10 Debate - "Resolved that the Canadian Govt has treated the Indians better than the American Govt" (by the boys
11 Sacred music 'Rock of Ages', Jubilate, Anthem - (led by
12 "God save the Queen" - (No 1 & 2 about 2½ hours)

As I am expecting to start on a trip to New York
1st May 5th — Would be glad to receive
an answer as soon as convenient. June
20th is I think the earliest date that we could leave.
Must later than that I presume would not do as
people would be leaving for the sea side.

I am the Lord Bishop
Your obedient Servant
Edward H. Wilson

Bishop's Court.

Dear Lord Bishop
I need scarcely name to
(you) (a) circular in our Church Sun-
day Books of said Rebate of a Mite
collected among the Indian Children
in the Province Re needle
Work sent on hand Hands
Collected amounted to $107.05
now Sent
Box Gam 50 dol Nos 25 dol & I think
All Shipped as marked as Cases.
Gam will be glad I think to learn
the new Indian Works are Shipped
on Wednesday by the Bay Portage Quebec
Edward of Jerusalem. $150 a year
the money is raised Chiefly by Sunday
Jerusalem Church Sunday.
I gam Lord Bishop Your obedient Servant
Servts in Christ Jesus
Indian Children
Mr Criscuol.

April 13 / 87

My dear Dr. Strong

Your kind letter - just received - was quite encouraging. My visit to Carlisle has certainly done great good to our boys - One morning I drew on the blackboard a picture of a Carlisle boy in full swing addressing an audience - & a Shoshone boy diffidently crowding out to the front saying 'O-a-a-a-a!' - One word 'coward' under it, the other 'adelph'. This helped this term up. We have our Reward & Reproof Club now - and the end of term we boys make to treat both Officers - Teachers & Pupils. Shyness. I am trying to arrange to take 20 boys & 10 girls to Hawaii - for an Industrial Training School & Normal Institute - about the end of June - & have written the Ind. Department for their approval. I stay awake most all night to think out right Courtship & work done for them during this week - in the Cathedral Mrs Wilson has just a tune bit - it sounds very pretty. We have just started one new idea of our own - that is "Play School" at certain hours during the day when school is out - a boy of the Senior class takes charge of the schoolroom - and awaits his Scholars. None need come unless they like - but if they do come in - & are bidden to stay & behave themselves - & teachers may teach what he pleases - Spelling - Geography - Writing - Arithmetic - drawing - singing &c & when finished enters in a book - name of Scholar present - Lesson behaved - subject taught &c. Very many thanks for the $2.50 - My kindest regards & Carlisle standard. Yours very sincerely

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Sault Ste Marie
April 14 87

Dear Sir

I have just received your letter - I am indeed sad to hear that you will so widely, unanimously, David's despatch among - I am - I am much surprised - and sorry his action should be received - which I think is very satisfactory -

In regard to sending Indians for a ministry - I agree with you that Indians have [illegible] more respect for a White man than for an Indian - although that is in some cases [illegible] or I agree that the ministry have turned out badly - + that instead of being satisfied [illegible] among their own people have copied White vices -

I do not however think that any of these are against the ordaining of native Missionaries - I have travelled

[illegible] it is right + close to Collège against Indians - indeed I think it is very un-right - She did not say leave his own chosen servants among Indians only as among White people. + how can we in that case hinder their entering the ministry I do not think [illegible] has done a failure - and I have not heard any [illegible] charge against Bear[illegible]. Indians to appreciate [illegible] a civilized Indian [illegible] the civilized Nations - Their civilized Indian is a White man among them - + he cannot put on white men any better than he can put on white man.

As to David - as he has not as yet expressed any desire to enter the ministry - He might perhaps aspire to some [illegible] office of the Dept we will [illegible] him. In the U.S. there is [illegible] for many Indians - and I [illegible] them in Canada. [illegible] Rose we had hoped [illegible] would prove [illegible] - John Maggrah [illegible] will I hope one day be ordained [illegible] Mr Cameron [illegible]

April 14 87

Dr Jas. N. Dawson.

Sir

Hon. Wm. J. Clinton - with whom I have long been in correspondence on various matters relating to the Indians - recommends me to write to you for information in regard to the Brit. Columbia Indians. I do not wish to put you to any personal trouble, but if you can kindly furnish me with any Reports or printed matter giving statistics of the number of Indians & the various tribes into which they are divided - in Brit. Columbia, on the Peace River, & Mackenzie River districts - I shall be very much obliged. The Ind. Dept Reports are very meagre in their details & make any attempt to divide up the different tribes. My immediate aim is to find out just how the 130.000 Indians in Canada are divided - as regards tribe and language - My ultimate object - after collecting the material - to assist in the publication of a treatise giving particulars of what each exists tribe in Canada - & a little insight into the language of each - all, if possible, based on Census returns.

Remain dear Sir
Yours obedt. Servt -
Edward F. Wilson

April 14 '87

Dr Franz Boas

Dear Sir

I have to acknowledge with many thanks the receipt of a copy of Science containing an article on the Brit. Columbia Indians. Dick Dr. Hale [illegible] told me he had asked you to send one to me.

If you have any further publication out the Indians of Hudson Bay, Labrador, or the Arctic Regions I shall be exceedingly glad to get a copy.

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I remain Dr Sir

Your obedt Servant

Edward P. Wilson

Sault Ste Marie Ont.
April 14th 87

Genl Atkin
Commissioner of Indian Affairs

Sir

I shall be very much obliged if you can kindly furnish me on Indian Department or Office Report showing how the 260.000 Indians at present living in the United States are divided - i.e what proportion belong to each separate tribe.

I have been for some time past in correspondence with Members of the Smithsonian Institute & the Geological Survey - & am at present busy at work up Statistics as to the number of each Indian tribe still existing either in the States or in Canada.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obed. Servant
Edward Ermatinger

April 16 / 89

My dear Dr. Hale

Yr letter of the 1st inst just received has crossed mine. You will notice that I intended not despatch that on the next May 5 or 6th & hope if possible as far as Calgary this mail falls in with it and I may be able to communicate with Dr. Swan of Fairford re visiting the Dakota Indians. If I can in any way be of assistance to the Revisation I shall be very happy - & as to any assistance towards the expenses of the journey I may say plainly that I shall be very thankful for it - This with the Portuguese Testaments in the United States cost me $149 - of that amt only $41 has been received from friends the rest I paid out of my own pocket. This with the Book Depot bill I estimate cost me $120 which I reduced from it only allowing for 5 weeks absence & I have still to pay [illegible]

of one dead Man; 8 days away to Stoney Indians near Priscold; 3 days away to Stoney Indians near Beulah; then at Dr Appells leave the C P R line take buckboard & visit 4 bands of prairie Indians in the Qu'Appelle Valley (Crees & Saulteaux); take cars again & Regina - to Broadview & Flieche - spend 3 days away to Blackfoot Indians - then back home - pick up parcels of clean for our Exhibition - (3084 miles).

This plan I could with scarcely fail in with my views - I imagine you would want me to spend 2 or 3 weeks among the Blackfeet. This I would be very glad to do - except for one thing I am in correspondence with the Ld. Dept. and the parties in regard to a block of 20 of our lots & 50 pick & Ottawa & Montreal - about price 26$ - directly I get back from the N.W. I might possibly arrange & stay a week among the Blackfeet - but am afraid could not do more unless the visit was put off. I'll write what is said & you can let me know as our first Mtg again. I send a copy of "Queries" by the Brit. Assoc. - but ask Prof. Mullers' book for the latest name of which the Blackfeet Indians. If we do go to Ottawa it would make it quite convenient for me to see you & Mrs Mercer

Yours sincerely C F Mercer

Know the style of thing &c mean -
If you are too busy would I dare
get them for you.
Kindly let me know what day
you think you can manage to
arrive - I am afraid it is
doubtful whether I shall be here
as Dr. W. myself & Mr Lane for
Port Arthur by one of the first
C.P.R. boats - about May 6-
It seems Mr. Mitchell will be
here to attend to business matters
& Miss Champion will be with you
to help you settle in -

Yrs sincerely
J. H. Wilson

Miss Schnepfau remains with us
until May 6th -

dear Lord -

If Dr. [illegible] you mention
in Dr. letter about Crimea &
Iona - If it not - will you
send it back at once. It will
probably be found useful
somehow amid the ramifications
of business matters - We
are busy clearing away
[illegible] from [illegible] Indians
are dreadful [illegible] nest
[illegible] hospital and [illegible]
[illegible] - it [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] If [illegible]
it is [illegible] - and they [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] -

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Sault Ste Marie
April 22/07

Dear Bro Murray —

Yours may thanks for your kind letter & enclosure of $21.70 on Mission acct — Alice was about a week in hospital with a bad complaint — but is now quite well — back at School again. I enclose you programme of entertainment we are going to give here next week — I want to do the same thing in Ottawa Montreal & Toronto — if the people at the places will guarantee expenses. I don't want to make — out of it — only to prove to both Indians & Whites that Indians may be civilized & educated —

Yours sincerely
W. L. Wilson

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Sault Ste Marie
April 22/07

Dear Bro Wilson —

Yours of the 16th ult enclosing $16.40 (being $10.00 from Christ Ch. S. School, & $5.60 collected by Miss H. Maxwell) is duly acknowledged with thanks. I enclose you a copy of "Our Lord's Children" — & will gladly send you more — if you will let me know how many copies you would like —

Yours sincerely
S. L. Wilson

Jno. Cosgrave Esq.
Sec. Christ Ch. S.S.
Montreal.

Hotel Mc Bain
April 22nd 87

My dear Lord

I have received your letter of the 15th. I could not at first imagine what you meant by the 'circular' - until on asking Mr. Middell I found that he had failed to send you a copy of the annual Report. I am very much annoyed about it - as I thought you had had a copy directly it was printed - 3 weeks ago - I have only one copy by me till the rest come from the printers - which they and you - the copies of course is not rebuilt - the pictures of the hospital were engraved by the fire took place - but I only received the pictures a few weeks ago. I regret Mr Bramwell I would not do anything under such circumstances

Hotel Mc Bain
April 22nd 87

Dear Dr. Radcliffe

I am thanks for the £6 10s paid received on account of Mrs Pedality -

Directly I get your card I sent word to the Printers & Owen Lewis to send you the extra copies - I hope you have received them - I have not heard -

I enclose you programme of what we are going to do next week - I want to have the same kind of meeting as that we had - alas Lord & Lamia [illegible] will not be there -

I am Yours
T. O. Wilson

I had a guarantee that the money could be drawn with accrued interest at any time I was prepared to erect such buildings on the Shipyard land. It was a voluntary act on my part making the Shipyard Steamboat and Church property - & I did it in good faith not expecting that impediments to my work would be thrown in my way.

I am thinking of leasing ± an acre of land at the point where our dock is - for erection of a factory - with provision that some of our boys be employed in it. This, if effected, would require your sanction as trustee -

Yours sincerely -

S. D. Wilson

St. Mary's
Oct. 22 79

Dear Dr

I was glad to hear from you - & was glad to get your letter than that you were getting [illegible] along well -

I am glad also that you are to [illegible] the teacher's exam. at Penrith - I hope you will manage to get through -

You must [illegible] carefully guard against every form of temptation - Strive in your life not always to be a feeler - Strive as though you had all power - Pray as though you had no power - It is not a man's words but his life that proves what he is -

I enclose you a card of our "Rowing Club" - Will it not be a [illegible]

Ottawa, Ont.
April 22 1907

Rev. H. L. A. Almon

Dear Sir

Your kind letter and $50 towards support has been duly received. Many thanks. The $ support for a girl enrolled this year is $25, which leaves $37.50. I am sending you to-day copies of C.E.C. Journal and also programme of entertainment we purpose having next week. I want to have it also in Montreal, Ottawa & Toronto if people will take it up. Also if you can send the number of boys to

Yours sincerely
C. O. Wilson

as you may become a subscriber - if you like to sign your name to piece of paper I send & put in our book & sign your name also to this card & put it up over your bed. Also send 10 cents which is the admission fee.

We are going to give an entertainment in the Town Hall at Dawson's Hall on Wed. the 29th. 20 boys & 10 girls - There will be tableaux showing them at their work - singing - speeches by the boys - & a debate - Our boys are going ahead now - the School is quite different to what it used to be. I am applying to the Government for $45.00 - & if I get it - will put up a number of new buildings & take 300 pupils. I am glad to hear St Joseph is doing well at Pierson. There is no law against marrying a Roman Catholic - but there exists in Ch. Rights - which it is better not to

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Nashville Tenn
April 22nd 87

My dear Br. Henderson

Many thanks for your kind note & enclosure of $5.00. Bro Colton is a substantial prop & let our friends in Ovoca will have act for pastor us.

I enclose you a copy of our last Children's Day Exercises which will help you as any copies as you like to have.

Yours truly

S. D. Wilson

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Nashville Tenn
April 22nd 87

Dear Br. Carlton -

I herewith enclose programme of the entertainment we give here next week.

Please as soon as possible let me know if [illegible] is [illegible] you coming to Louisville - I do not undertake it unless expenses are guaranteed - I do not want to make money out of it - only to have a good Sabbath day (Sabbath School) & educational time as well as entertainment -

Yours truly -

S. D. Wilson

Sault Ste Marie
April 22nd 87

Dear Jacks -

Please tell Alex. Warren that his little girl Janie is perfectly well now back at School — I think it will do a lift for her to have her lessons & boys here early when the Steamers call -

Send me a programme of Regatta that we can put the boys at work — & I am going home to the same time in May & Ottawa about the end of June -

If people will guarantee expenses I will come down & Toronto & Lancaster the boys by the Boat line.

Talk it up & let me know what you say.

My wife & Willie & Lancie Dodds are now in Detroit?

Yours ever

Jean Steele & Attorney
by fire last Saturday night & all

At the Industrial Institute for pupils from the Dioceses of Huron
Toronto and from the Rupert's Land Out of our 78 pupils
25 belong to the Algoma Diocese. The Algoma Indians
are nearly all Roman Catholics. Some are still Pagans, but
of them are Roman Catholics; there are less than 200 belonging
to Church of England.

Our district is established —
large Protestant Institution for 300 Indian children at Sault
Ste Marie is 400 miles from all parts — has room. We
hope soon to have a Receiving Home in the Rupert's Land and
Receiving Home at Sarnia — to take Indian children from
all parts. So further the children can be removed from their
own Homes the better. He has been the experience of those
who are engaged in the work both in the United States and
Canada.

The Carlisle Institution in Pennsylvania
has its 600 Indian pupils is 1500 miles away from the Indian
lands, many of the children come over two thousand miles.
There are now 116 Institutions for Indian Children in the States
and all of them started within the last 10 years. They have accommodation
for 9360 children. In the States the Roman Catholic population of Indians
is 55.000; with us it is about 20.000. The 2 Institutions
recently started in Saskatchewan, and some four or five
Roman Catholic ones. The entire number of children being
trained in Institutions in Canada is less than 400.

I hope both the plan to establish a Roman Protestant Institution
at Sault Ste Marie will be taken up in a generous manner.
The Land on which the new buildings are to be erected is Church

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land and will remain Church land. But I am persuaded
if for the work the successful - placed as I am here in the
midst of a Roman Catholic Population, - are ready & liberal
and open our arms to the pupils besides from being to the
Church of England. Those who have not been engaged
in the work as I have can scarcely judge of the difficulties I
often meet me. I hope my friends will help me to continue
the work in the future as I have tried to do in the past with
a single eye to God's glory, - upholding our dear old Church,
whose minister I have the honor to be, but at the same
recognizing the good work done among the Indians by other
Protestant denominations, and admitting their children as
pupils without at the same time obliging them to renounce the
form of faith in which they were baptized and under which they
have been brought up. That our dear old Church is to become
THE Church of Canada I am persuaded & we must open our
arms to embrace and own her lands to give.

Yrs &c E. F. WILSON.

Sault Ste Marie
April 25th 1887.

P.S. I am exceedingly glad to see how decidedly your paper is coming
out against Roman Catholic aggression, & state you do not hesitate to use the word
Protestant. That word exists as just now [illegible] & see the thing - as all Protestants
will unite as the one [illegible] Catholic Church.

Louisville
April 25/69

Gen Dawes
Pres't Ohio Natl. Bk.
Cin.

Sir

Jeweler Ind.
Left Chas for 9/150 Rich
please credit our Indian
Bonds acct

No. 29307

Yrs truly
J. L. Wilson

April 25/87

My dear Dr. Moore

I was very glad to receive your letter & to find you had not forgotten us — also to receive the Sunday School — $4.34. Enclosed I am sending you a copy of the last publication which I think you have not seen, & if you would like more I will send them.

Yrs very truly

W. H. Wilkins

April 25/87

My dear Dr. Kirkby

Very many thanks for your second remittance of $18.72 on behalf of the boy — & $17.72 from and the Rev. Brandt Hon in the North West. I shall credit you on the Ms with this at once and charge Mr. Mason until he accounts. I think this will be the most satisfactory way of doing it. At any rate it will prevent our 'disturbing' you unjustly. Enclosed you will find a programme of an entertainment I am to assist.

Yrs truly

W. H. Wilkins

Oct 26/87

Rev. C. H. Ashkabbekeda

Dear Sir

I have just received your letter. As far as I know Island where the Indian is has never been set apart as an Indian reserve. I think Mr. Appleby applied to the Indian department for land at the time I was sick. but I do not think the Department did anything about it. I would visit the Indian Agent at Port Arthur would know about it.

Yours very truly

J. K. Wilson

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Oct 26/87

Revd. C. Heaton Patterson Port

Sir — I shall be obliged if you will send me 3 volumes of your Typical Scrap books — titled as follows —

Vol 1. Indian Tribes
Vol 2. Indian Homes
Vol 3. Miscellaneous.

Send me your cheque for $2.25. Please be sure that it is not damaged in transit

Yours truly

Revd. Edward A. Wilson

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April 26/87

Rev. G. H. Almon

Dear Sir

I enclose you my new little publication which perhaps you have not seen. If you would like more copies I can send them - also Nos 1 & 2.

Yours sincerely

T. Wilson

April 25/87

My dear Archdeacon

Many thanks for your kind invitation received through Canon Mathison. Your letter is slow in reaching me & I am uncertain - but I am due in a C. E. T. S. Meeting May 6th & in Ket case I shall arrive reach E. Selkirk 8.10 a.m. Tuesday May 10. As the train to Winnipeg on Wednesday - I must ask you kindly to let me stay with you until Thursday - when I go to Westward visit to Mr Burman's mission. Young Mr Besant will be glad to visit us as usual & entertain - but do not inconvenience yourself on account.

Yours sincerely

T. Wilson

April 27/87

J. A. Elijah Esqr.

Dear Sir

The summer holidays will begin July 15th & I expect the pupils Miss Pope & Narnia will go down then about the 17 or 18. I will send Dora & Lizzie down with them if you wish them to come & will send me Post Office Order for $9 this will pay for return tickets for both of them. This is our rule.

I shall be very glad to take your boy Ben his sisters return home after the holidays. If you wish him to come I will send you an agreement for you to sign for him to remain with us 5 years. It will cost you $32.50 to send him up from Narnia.

Yours truly

J. A. Elijah

April 27th 87

Miss Pope

Please to send me 4 Teachers Bibles — One at $1, one at $2.50, — one at $2.50, — One at $3.50, at about these prices. Be sure Care not damaged in transmission —

Yours truly —

Rev. Edward D. Wilson

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April 27. 87

W. I. Hermon
Dear Sir

Your letter of April 20th just received. I am quite willing to receive the 3 orphan children that is - if they are Indians - & healthy. I am ready now to sign agreements which you can keep by you here as needed. The children can be sent up as soon as the agreements are signed.

Dr. Macgregor desires accounts for his two girls boys here - on account of their having lost a child. I have no objection if the girls boys have undertaken circumstances of Mr. M. will send money in full for their journey down & back. If the little boy who is sick dies soon they may wish it & girls to come down - but if the child gets better Dr's like them remain here until the holidays begin July 16th.

Yours sincerely -
R. Hall Wilson

Is it about any Walkoose?
Yes, one and hair of the same kind.
and then elect the money from
J. Tarbay.

Sault Ste Marie
April 27/87

Miss S. A. Taylor M.C.

dear Sir

Kindly fill following order —

3	doz	2[D] foolscap Ontario Pa
2	"	3[D] " " "
½	"	4[C] " " "
2	"	2[D] part Ruled Foolscap " "
4	"	Arithmetics (elementary) authorized
2	"	Canadian Readers' progressive — "
½	"	Algebra — (elem[y]) "
2	boxes	pens for school use —
1	"	" No.
12	doz	penholders.
2	doz	slates — (medium)
1	doz	boxes slate pencils
1	"	" White chalk.
12	doz	— Copy books
6	doz	Exercise books.
6	doz	Ruled books.
1	doz	Canadian History (auth.)
½	doz	Quarts black ink —
1	bottle	Copying ink.
3	boxes	envelopes. (White)
1	ream	Ruled foolscap —
1	doz	note books
2	doz	Blank Composition books.
5	"	Letter " "
1	"	Stiff Covers M.S. books

Yours truly
Edward H. Wilson

Chic 27 May

Rev. J. B. Mack

Sir

I have received your letter of the 25th inst. containing accounts for the two pupils - You will better take them to Sarnia & put them on board one of the Boats bound for Sault Ste Marie - If you should do it will cost you $2.25 for each of them as far as Sarnia but you must tell the person that takes charge of the pupils for the Sault from Sarnia that they will have to pay a dollar each on the way - There is a nice girl named Hannah Hey coming up from Sarnia - You might write to Rev. J. Jackson Sarnia - tell him they should come with the first boat that comes down -

Mrs. S. Norton &c

6 pint bottles - port wine
3 " " Sherry "
3 " " Best Cognac "
6 " " Rectf. Spirits of wine
10 oz Acetic acid.
1 lb Cod liver oil
10 oz - Oil Turpentine
4 oz - Nitr. of Potass
2 oz - Acet. Plumbi
2 oz Gum Arabic
10 " Syrup Iodidi Ferri
10 oz Oil Acth. Cinchona
1 lb Surgical Scissors.
2 sets Brass weights -
2 Wedgwood mortars -
(one dark and the other
about 5 inches and 7 in. diam. at
the top.

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No 7906

April 27, 87

The Superintendent General
of Indian Affairs
Sir

I received home to transfer
a letter of the 22nd ult. No 75-297 - reporting
my visit of the 13th on which occasion I was
accompanied by Messrs Ottawa & Chesham.

I notice that you deem it undesirable to bring
the subject at this time on account of the great
expense to the Indian Trust Fund
but being in a condition to render any assistance
that you wish on the
after my
proposed visit.

I readily bow to this decision. Perhaps
next November, when the Branch line from
Ilgona Mills to Land is completed, will
prove a more suitable time and should I find
it possible to carry out my plan at that date I
will communicate again with the Department

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient Servt
Edward A. Wilson

Salt Lake City
April 28/09

Rose Markley Esq.
Dear Sir

I am exceedingly sorry I have to inform you that Thomas Folsom - one of our favorite & most promising pupils is sick - & I am afraid seriously - He has already been ill about 4 days - but the doctor who came to see him yesterday says it is a case of 'aneurism of the aorta' - or in common language a tumour growing on the main artery of the body - It may of course last for months or even years - but if it is so, the doctor says - I fear the disease is incurable.

I will let you know his future wishes about him - Perhaps his father will come up & see him - & take him back home. He will hardly be fit to travel alone. The boy as you can [illegible] will for more than [illegible] - & we all wish to thank you very cordially for your kindness -

Yours sincerely S. A. Wilson

April 30/87

Robert Kerr Esq
Gen'l Passenger Agent C.P.R.

Dear Sir

On the 15th of May last (1886) I called on you at your office in Winnipeg and you very kindly granted me a half fare pass over the C.P.R. as far as Elkhorn - along with 4 others at several places. and also gave me half fare tickets for several Indian chiefs whom I brought back with me from Institution at Sault Ste Marie.

I earnestly hope you will grant me the same favor this year. I hear you are not giving reduction to either Clergy or Indians. but I very much hope you will take my own special case into consideration - I am laboring simply for the benefit of the Indian race - myself have traveled at my own private expense. Unless this favor is granted I am afraid I shall [illegible] trip.

[illegible] provided I can get

half fare. is as follows.
I start as soon as navigation opens - say May 10 -
take C. P. R. boat to Port Arthur - thence
through to Calgary - & remain stop overs
at Manitou lake, Winnipeg, Griswold,
Elkhorn, Fort Qu'Appelle, Regina, & fletchen on
the way up - & coming back too if allowed.
My object is to visit the Indians at these
various points - & pick up pupils for my
Schools - & again visit & come on the same
back. I expect this trip & occupy me about
6 weeks.
May I ask the favor of a reply either by mail
or telegraph so that I may start as soon as
a C. P. R. boat can get into Port Arthur.

Yours faithfully
Edward C. Wilson

2 young fellows named Robin Brant aged 17
going with me as companion - & I will return
to Selkirk from Calgary if you can allow me
[illegible]

PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY
CAJIC SKETCH

May 2/87

My dear Dr. Carlos -

[illegible] have received
[illegible] advised to put off proposed visit to Sarnia
[illegible] to near November. Too much pain
[illegible] + also by not time on Sarnia
[illegible] railway communication.

Then we make another plan: viz - to take the
[illegible] Sarnia by Owen Sound & London +
[illegible] The expense of this to Owen Sound
to be estimated be about $5.00 - This would be
as fast ride at first start. This 2d trip will
not cost more than $20.00. + I think it best to try
at first & see how succeed. We Cambridge Meet
[illegible] Imagine the
[illegible] pair. But if you think it would
[illegible] I will try [illegible] extend as to take in
Toronto & Hamilton - I will certainly advise & meeting
in Toronto at different points - Our exhibition has [illegible]
[illegible] a splendid success - London you will find
[illegible] & our programme -

Yrs sincerely
T. D. Wilson

Factory Lease

I will rent 1 acre with frontage for 7 years at $50 an acre - lessee to erect suitable buildgs and dock & to purchase all our machinery & plant.

At the end of 7 years it will be optional with each party to renew the lease, or for lessee to remove his plant. or we may come to agreement to purchase plant of lessee.

S. H. Wilson

May 3/97

Hotel de la Marine
May 3/97

My dear Mr. Roswell

As boats are so late I have to delay my trip - I shall hope to reach Ilfracombe 5.48 pm. Wednesday May 12. & stay till Saturday or Sunday eve - this will I hope give time to visit Berlat &c - & if there is not time to do all I can I think just do 2 more days on my way back June 8-9.

I think it best not to bring any pictures up with me - as holidays do not begin till June 15 - & might not get to them. I think also it will be best to see the parents & talk with them - & I have a nice photo of them all.

Archie has been quite as dissatisfied lately & asks if he may try to get another place - this I entirely discourage him from doing as I hope his remaining with you - the chief grievance seems to be late hours & having no holidays on bank holidays.

Yours sincerely
S. H. Wilson

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Rio Grande Novr
Nov 2nd 787

Mr. MacFadden Jr.

Sir

Yr. letter re
Bonds Copy received by Mr.
P. will remember. He told me
if we did not the original Copy for me
in Walton's Creek. I would affix
them as there - & that he agree
to this - the reason I am
not paid the $ is that
omitted this I did not be understood
to do. I cannot be expected
to pay for Copy which I have never
seen & of which I have no knowledge
Shd you not be

Yours Truly
T. H. Wilson

Dear Sir

Mr. Bunker -
Dear Sir

My thanks -
for kind note & enclosure of
$53 from St. Louis & School
Board. Obtain for me Norris
London Journal & Co of
Mrs Hunt Children & tell us
Nat send you now - if you
will let me have his money
you will like -

Yours Truly
T. H. Wilson

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Revd T. H. Wilson

Sir

In Compliance with your instruction
of Febry 9th last. I have consulted with Mr
Coulter in regard to building the Farm Cottage - and
as foreman of the Carpenter Shop, I hereby undertake
to erect a cottage in the Spot selected by you, to
be a frame building, as shewn on the plan
the painted red with white corners, to have a
Cellar, and a brick Chimney, the walls inside
to be plastered, and every thing finished fit for
occupation for the sum of -
Of - this amount the sum of three hundred dollars
($300) as agreed upon by you will be charged
to the Institution account & the balance of
to Wm R. Coulter.

S. Brunton

I hereby agree to pay the balance as above of (nil)
also for any Stone work that may be required and that
not expect any remuneration for doing so then I leave -

R. Coulter

Toronto May 5th/87

Dr Young Bros
Editors of Science

Dear Sirs

I have to acknowledge with many thanks your letter of the 20th ult. with reference to my visit. I shall be most happy to do anything I can to assist you in the furtherance of the objects you have in view. The object is that of a large Institution for Indian children on my land. My time is very limited - but I will do what I can. Next week I am starting on a visit to visit the Blackfoot Indians near Calgary - & Mr Hale has asked me to prepare a Report for the British Association.

I shall be very glad to receive any notes you have of the Northern & Brit. Columbia tribes if you can kindly spare them.

Yrs very faithfully

Edward E. Wilson

May 5th, 87

Dear Dr. Hale -

Last night I found time to peruse your [illegible] of the Blackfeet Indians and I can assure you I read it with very great interest. I have marked it throughout - & shall take it with me to Calgary. The little I had picked up of the language led ahead enormously that it must be one of the Algonquin stock only to its grammatical construction - the fact of the words being so entirely different is I should think quite accounted for by that on page 2 of your interesting migration theory mixed with some Sioux tribe - Some the Cree - Is almost entirely similar to the Ojibway in grammatical construction many of the words identical or almost so - still has full half its words quite as a distinct dialect from Ojibway as Blackfeet is from either of them. (cf. Cree ôtik of. ahiaudjii, Cr. owasicas. Ojib of. kitchi.. Cr. mista..)

I notice that the Blackf. word for rain is nijétaqkay - It seems to me very much like the ...tigwàcia (Ojibway) which is used as an appendage to impersonal verbs & means a certain Kiweta-tigwàcia, the rain turns in its course. The Ojibway word for rain is as I suspect on page 2 sibi. Nitotkiokam (Ojib) ons, Ojib nos. Cree the Ojibway for jijik (1)

is not unlike the Ojibwa nitam, a returning (first).
Akew (woman) nistis (three) & nit'ana (my daughter) have also
a similarity to Ojibwa.

I am arranging now to start next Spring May &
Schultz try & join us up the Blackfoot &c. I hardly
think Tom will be time to fill in so large a vocabulary
as the Smithsonian - but I will follow their orthography
& will fill in the 200 words in Tolmie & Dawson
vocabulary. also put sentences to illustrate the grammar.
If we want to compare with tribes West of the Rockies this
vocabulary will I think be the best one to get. I will also
take the 'notes & queries' published by the British Assoc
& fill in all the information I can.

I am a little surprised at your proposing for me
to edit the replies resulting from the Circular of Enquiries issued
by the British Assoc. I think I am more suited
to collect things at in the rough - what more experienced hands
should be employed to shape them - I am not a
professional, but an amateur at the cost of trip. I
am very glad that the Circular of enquiries is being issued -
as it is just the thing that I had proposed to do as a first
step. I shall be quite satisfied with half a dozen
replies. Dr. Pilling was kindly promised me a copy of his
Bibliography. I have received letters from Dr Dawson & Dr
Bourg. I will send on by my friend Mr. Bloxam.

Yours very sincerely
J. C. Wilson

P.S. Col. Indian Exhibition has
expanded into a wonderful and
a Diplomacy.

O Evans

May 5th/87

Jas. W. Bloxam Esq.

Dear Sir

At the suggestion of Mr. Horatio Hale I am taking the liberty to send you a copy of my little manual of the Ojibway language. It is possible I may have sent you one some years ago when I received from you a copy of your 'Notes & Queries' but I am not sure. I understand from Mr. Hale that your Committee are about to issue a 'Circular of enquiry' with a view to obtaining information about the Indian Tribes of Canada. I am very glad to hear this - as I was already in correspondence with Mr. Hale in regard to this work of the kind myself.

I remain dear Sir

Yours faithfully

Edward A. Wilson

Sault Ste Marie. Mich
May 5th 1847

Rev. J. J. Bronsdon -
Dear Sir

As you are so very pressing in your desire for the Ojibway Books you say your Bishop has also told you to apply to me for them - I will send you 100, the Charge being 50 cents each - Said amount I shall on receiving it from you pay in to the Society that printed them for us. I do this on my own responsibility - & shall write them to the Society that I have done so. I believe printed them exclusively for Canadian missions - but of this I have no objection & the books for the States certainly I have none. Let me hear at once whether this will suit you

Yrs faithfully
J. D. Wilson

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Indian Homes - Sault Ste Marie. Ont.

Directions for providing clothing -

Each boy requires per annum one winter uniform coat and peaked cap, the coat of light grey etoffe, with dark blue collar, cuffs & shoulder straps trimmed with scarlet braid, 5 large brass buttons down the front & one small brass button on each shoulder. 2 pair of pants (grey preferred), 3 shirts, 2 undervests & 2 pr. drawers for winter, 1 winter cap a tique, 4 pr. socks, 1 warm muffler, 1 pr. of warm mits, 2 pair of strong boots or shoes, and a coat or jacket and waistcoat of any style or pattern for every day.

Boys' winter uniform

In summer the medium sized and small boys wear loose garibaldi jackets of dark blue serge trimmed with scarlet braid, one small brass button on the front and tight waist bands, and a scarlet netted sash is passed twice round the waist and then tied at the side. a dark felt hat is also worn. The big boys wear dark serge coats of the same pattern as in the winter.

Boys summer jacket.

Measurement -

Big boys of from 15 to 17. Length of coat 27 in. Sleeve 22 in. Waist 32 in. Brown 34 in. Cap about 7. Boots No 6 or 7.

Medium boys of 12 to 14 Length of coat 25 in. Sleeve 20 in. Waist 28 in. Brown 36 in. Cap about 6½. Boots No 4 or 5

Small boys of 8 to 10 Length of coat 21 in. Sleeve 17 in. Waist 26 in. Brown 32 in. Cap about 6½ Boots No 2 or 3.

Each girl requires for annum 2 uniform dresses, dark blue serge trimmed with scarlet braid, and dark straw hat trimmed with ribbon to match, 2 print dresses of any pattern, 2 petticoats, 1 warm hood for winter, 2 pr. boots, 4 pr stockings (2 cotton 2 woollen) 3 chemises, 2 night dresses, 1 shawl, 2 undervests, 4 pr. drawers, 4 pocket handkerchiefs, 1 cloud, 1 pr. mits, 2 aprons or pinafores, 1 outdoor jacket.

Measurement

Big girls	of 15 to 17.	Skirt 37 in.,	sleeve 22 in.,	waist 27 in.,	neck 16 in.
Medium girls	of 12 to 14.	" 32 in.,	" 20 in.,	" 24 in.	" 14 in.
Little girls	of 8 to 10	" 25 in.,	" 16 in.,	" 22 in	" 12 in.

Old suits of clothes if in good condition is acceptable, especially boys' trousers and overcoats.

Send in boxes, bales, or barrels, — and please put a list of articles inside of each package from whence they come.

Address — Mrs Wilson, Shingwauk Home, Sault Ste Marie, Ontario.

May 10th 1887

S. P. May Esqre.

Dear Sir

I have to acknowledge with thanks your favor of March last - and to inform you that the two Diplomas & two medals awarded from Indian School & the Royal Commissioners & the Colonial & Indian Exhibition have arrived in good order. I desire to tender my Ontario Minister of the Education Department for having so materially assisted our work by bringing us under the notice of the Commissioners.

I am desirous to send you a little sketch I have made which I would like to have engraved as a heading for our letter paper. Would the Educational Department revise and improve it & have it engraved for us? We have a heavy burden of expenses and at present receive only a small part from the Dominion Government & nothing from Ontario. If the Educational Department would have this done as a surprise as to stationery stamped as above. it would be a most generous one.

I remain Sir

Your obedient Servant

Edward R. Wilson

Sault Ste Marie
June 14 07

D[ear] Dr Hale

I have done my best
towards getting out a supplementary
report on the Blackfeet Indians
and have enclosed it also
herewith - with a part of the
interior sketches of one of
the huts in which my time is
spent there. I have also
a number of other sketches -
and will get tracings of them
to you before long, as soon as
I can! My time
was limited - but I felt I had
all the information I possibly
could get -

its wd cost me - today only $300
and travelg. expenses - I expect
also to have a supply of books on
Indian history, languages &c for
farmers. Of course I do
not wish to put about $ un-purpose
-ly in subject of a Book fund
I leave it to his discretion - but I think
you will see the common sense of
my position. If I have spent a
large portion of my salary during
the Winter I must take up Stone work
& get from a portion of my time to
it's cultivation - I anticipate
no act in will depending much
upon you & the Congress assembled.
I can be very economical in my
expenses during the 330 miles
to Blackfeet Post $104 - thence
my Post-assist. fund for travelg. $50
also paid Indians for fishing &c for
big massacred &c ——— 2 85
Total - $154.95

to Blackfeet Camp - & I accept - and I work
with hand.
Send word in my act & the future - I would like
very much Note of the work that you propose
if you think I am capable of it - but it
must [illegible] in value & in 10 years time
work [illegible] it proposed - How the
does the Brit. work proposed to? By may
pick up a little here & there - as with Missionaries
& Indian agents - but Missionaries & Indian agents
are generally be, men - & cannot be expected to
give any much time to the subject. & I fancy it
will be slow work proceeding - this any of the results
perhaps not very satisfactory - If the Brit.
Govt are willing to employ me for - work I would
like to give up my Work & ready my whole time to
it until it is accomplished - Make Banff (as
I said - my last home) my Centre - & from time
travel into Brit. Columbia & [illegible] as
at the same time of his connection
with Indians in all parts of
[illegible]

Jan 1907

Sault Ste Marie
June 14, 07

journeys westward the last 3 summers have convinced me of two facts - (1) that unless the Department favors the plan followed in the U.S. of sending Indian children to the East for their education as far as possible from the Reserves - my present Homes are too far to the East for accomplishing the work that I desire. (2) That if Protestant Missions are to hold their own in the West they must work together - consequently I have visited and am in communication with the Rev. John Macdougall of Morley and representatives of the Presbyterian Church - in regard to united action

I have the honor to be Sir

Yr. obedt. servant

Edward F. Wilson

No. 7908

June 16, 1857

The Superintendent Board
of Indian Affairs -

Sir

I write by your return
Stage that our Maintenance Hand for the
Indian Home was about $900 in debt in
consequence of our receiving a much larger number
of pupils than we had to meet & support. Those
figures represented our position - just before I
started on my trip to the North West 5 weeks ago.

I have this morning examined our accounts and
find that instead of $900 we are at present
$1400 in debt.

Under these circumstances I feel it our
duty to endeavour to keep our Institution
on its present Standing. I have been doing my
best to make it in every way efficient - have
increased our staff - raised the salaries of teachers
- improved the board & cloth of the pupils - suspended
[illegible] the rounds throughout

[illegible] order [illegible] my own [illegible] possibly
not being. Then the funds would come from.
I have also made 3 long trips [illegible] at West,
this time as far as the Rockies, - at my own [illegible]
not to cost being charged to Institute funds.
I certainly had hoped that at the end of 14
years of exacting labor - my work would
have been recognized by the Department - and
might at last receive a fair share of these funds
which have been [illegible] lavished so freely on Institutes,
that have never been called upon to endure and
bear of the day.
I certainly understood last fall when I was
Ottawa that an appropriation would be made
towards increase of maintenance and
[illegible] for the [illegible] extension of my work.
As no funds seem to be forthcoming - & no
word has been sent me that I can likely the forth
coming - I find myself forced to at once curtail
our expenses in a summary manner & sell
and a large proportion of [illegible] upon which
still I find that I can manage to support
[illegible] for
[illegible]
Yours truly
Albert Miller

June 16th 1857

The Hon.
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.
Washington.

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter - No 1116 - by today's mail - & note with pleasure that you favor the establishment of a Branch Institute of the Shoshonee Nation at Camp Floyd & have recommended it to the Department.

I only wish to say that the Department will accede to your recommendation.

I have had 14 years of missionary labor in connection with my Nez Perces work - and - with my little help from the Department - have I think been able to do a fair condition of prosperity. I am willing now to lend on the work to make - if it may Could seem for me to establish a more extensive & probably more important work farther West. My whole life has been and is devoted

to the Indians. I know the Ojibbeway language as well as English, have studied the grammar & can speak it myself as fluently: Cree and Sioux, which I have learnt since commenced studying Blackfoot.. They, also I think they that I have painted a bold one the Indians in a way that can only be done by long intercourse with them. I was plain & outspoken with the Blackfeet on the occasion of my recent visit, and tho' warned not to do so by the Missionary, told them all about my schools at Sault Ste Marie & asked them to send a boy & two back with me. Both agreed to this & sent their tribe. gave me a Blackfoot name (meaning "the double thunder") and gave up two boys to go back with me. These two boys are at present perfectly happy & make good friends with the other boys. I trust them in a common dress & have not cut their hair - & at present, all seem to like it. I think the great thing is to get them to like their quarters as a first step - & then gradually lead them onward & improve them. One of them has already commenced learning Carpentering, & the both exhibit quite great aptitude.

I would like to start [illegible]

[illegible] to work in unison with the [illegible]
[illegible] be the Presbyterian or Methodist. Indeed
I propose to have a monthly magazine in circulation
[illegible] all the Patient Institutions throughout Canada
So it is to pay them a Retreat Attendant.

2) I am willing to Commence work this Fall - any
[illegible] - provided the Department will put up
for me a log house - sufficient to accommodate myself
[illegible] + another log house for an embryo
Hospital - Said houses to be used afterwards as
outbuildings - when the new buildings are ready for use.

3) Any number of my boys here are willing to
accompany me - and I would recommend
[illegible] should come out - remain say
2 years - I think it would very much facilitate
the establishment of an Institution to have a few
trained hands there with, who would be very
helpful in many ways - If could be transported
at a cost of $28 each.

4) Should the Department take up this work in
a [illegible] part of it being done

and in my last letter but would remain as I
if it might seem necessary.

I enclosed in my last letter which I wished also
I have work to do for the British Association.
I should probably require only a part of my present
salary to be paid by the Department. Indeed if
I can carry out the arrangements which I have in
view, I may be in a position not to require any
part of it.

I may add, that while at Bath, I had a long
Conversation with Mr. Lowe, who was very
in favour of the proposed move & promised to
do all he could to assist me. Also that I had
an interview with Mr. Burgess, & sent thereafter
him a Communication to the Hon. the Minister of
the Interior on the same subject.

I am the Lord High
Your Obedient Servant
Edward R. Nicholson

June 16/37

Ven. A. Hewett Esqr.

Dear Sir

Since I saw you at Banff - I have had communication with Archdeacon Wm Kemp & the Lieut. Governor Dowdney with regard to establishing an Institution in your neighborhood - I have just received the following from Mr. Kemp Secy - - - - - "a copy of your letter has been laid before the Department with a recommendation that your wishes be acceded to, as the Commissioner is strongly in favor of it."

To this I have to day replied - that I am willing to commence work this Fall - say Oct 1st - provided the Dept will pay for an Assistant besides myself & family - & such Indian children as may attend School - said house to be used as a Church - when the new buildings are

(2) That I intend to work it as a Protestant Missionary (3) I expect

bringing a few of my old pupils with me — as I think it will very much facilitate matters. (There are any number of them ready & come) (2) That I am willing to remain beyond 3 years — or even for months, if the Bp. will take it work up in good earnest.

I also mentioned y name — & said that you were warmly in favor of the proposed scheme — & that as far as you could & did not.

The Archdeacon is not very warm about it. He intimated that I intended to work in unison with the Protestant Denominations — I think he did not like it. As to that matter — I am not in the least fear in my own Church views — but I do think that the rapid encroachments made by the Romanists on Protestants who believe in the Bible ought to stand shoulder to shoulder — and work there hands on and to work.

I shall be glad to hear from you at your convenience what you still favor the proposed plan — & if so — perhaps you cd furnish me a little facts. Near position that the buildings will occupy if erected — & how situated in regard to the Bps residence &c. Any particulars as to cost of building &c you could be acquainted — and Can furniture be got cheap?

Yrs sincerely

D. H. Wilson

June 16/[illegible]

Dear Mr. Hale —

I have just received the following from the Indian Office, Regina —

"... a copy of your letter proposing to establish an Institution at ... has been forwarded to the Department with a recommendation that your wishes be acceded to, as the Commissioner is strongly in favor of it".

I am willing to look that I will be permitted to move Oct. 1st — if the Department will put me up two log houses for temporary use — one for myself & family & the [illegible] Indian children — & I hope I shall get a few of my things packed with me — [illegible] shipping with —

Yours truly

L. J. Wilson

June 17 1807

My dear Wife Cose –

I am sent you by this mail
to me more Copies of our Annual
Report & 'Our Four Children'.
I have just received the following from the
Indian Office, Repair –
"... a copy of your letter proposing to
establish an Institution at Baraff has been
forwarded to the Department with a recommend
that your wishes be acceded to, as the Commissioner
is strongly in favor of it."
I have written to Mr. Stewart saying that I will
be prepared to come Oct 1st – if the Department
agrees – & if it will provide us a log house or
other accommodation for the winter – We shall
arrive with a large party – wife & children – four servants –
& servant. I trust you will kindly excuse
the liberty –

Yrs very faithfully
Edward D. Wilcox

Little Rock
June 17th 1867

Dear Mr. Close,

I saw Mr Mink & Mr. English some time ago - Not certain if the pile will be by our rules be required to remain at the Institution for the summer - & Alice Thompson quite understands that she is to remain here - this quite satisfied Mrs. Mary Peters I shall send home for holidays on account of her being somewhat delicate. I enclose you herewith $4.50 to pay for Mary Peters return ticket and will send you both the balance of $1.50 of William Thompson when I - either bring it to Alice to send on herself. I have just received from the Rocky Mountains a wild blackbird who sits on my

Yours truly
E. J. Wilson

June 17 1869

My dear Mr. Snider -

Yr. Letter of May 8 arrived just after I started for the N. West. I got back again 3 or 4 days ago - bringing a Blackfoot boy from the foot of the Rocky Mountains - the first of that tribe that have ever accepted education -

We are disposing with profound rapidity of Work for the present.

Mr. Prudhomme has been with me about a month. Protestant Lemonade - Not is the pet of the Catholics - & takes me to his heart like a child to a -

I am retaining the half of Blair's present house in the hands - rumors of the fall of the Rockies to inspire a new Forty Niner - Am in communication with Government in regard to it.

Yr. Friend -

S. L. Nelson

June 17 1887

R. H. Buchanan Esq:

Dear Sir

I received yr letter of May 2nd with Wilkes Travell. & yr further Communicat of June 11th enclosing Circular - to day. I have been away nearly 5 weeks - as far as Banff up among the Rocky Mountains - & have brought back a couple of wild Blackfoot boys with flaxen hair & young blankets.

I like yr plan for a short Protestant demonstration in October - & if it may be successful.

I enclose you a copy of our last Forest & Stream with Rev Jas Robertson's contribution -

The chief difficulty is the expense. To take 30 children to Ottawa & Montreal - say 10 days would certainly cost nearly $1000. I don't know if we can attempt it unless the C.P.R. agrees to return at only low rate - & that with free or very cheap accomodation be afforded on the floor in Toronto. You will see in the copy of

Our fourth child was born last I send
Mary off for the purpose of the children.

Long as well mentioned that I have some
idea of giving up my Home here in the hands
of my family in the neighborhood of the
Rocky Mountains to inaugurate a new work
there. I am in Communication with the Department
in regard to it. but as yet is undecided to
present.

Yours truly
L. O. Wilson

June 17 1809

June 17/87

Dear Madam

You can write to me
Think Rat Portage Keewatin
the N. West is take[n] the price
of - I have already sent £2000
towards it. Dr Smith now of
build. it at Selkirk where
is just on the border of Manitoba
& Assiniboia - & about 120
lbs from Bishop Anson's residence
Should you be disposed to make
any further contributions towards it
I will be very happy to forward them.

Yrs faithfully
Edward D. Wilson

June 10/87

The Baroness Burdett Coutts
Stratton
Herts

Dr Madam

London can still supply
acclimated Rev'd Wm Martin
for £51-0-0 - Will you
please credit it to Indian
Homes acct - Stadacona -

Yrs truly
Edward D. Wilson

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Back from the Rocky Mountains

The Revd S. K. Wilcox, principal of the Ahnapee & Wauwatosa Homes, has just returned home from a trip to the Rocky Mountains. He has been to visit the Blackfeet Indians. This tribe (including the Bloods and Peigans) numbers about 6000, and they are almost all without exception pagans. The Blackfeet Indians received Mr Wilcox very cordially and adopted him into their tribe, giving him the name Natuei-Asaxe (the Sun looks upon him). They also showed so much confidence in him as to allow two of their boys Appikokia and Etuskpoia to go back with him to his institution. These are the first two Blackfeet boys that have consented to go to an institution like this. They are all [illegible]

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Seattle W. T.
June 17/87

Dear Madam

I am only just back from a long trip of 3200 miles to the Rocky Mountains. I have brought back two wild Blackfeet boys with me. The first of that tribe that have ever been taken to civilized life with a view to establish an institution such as ours is necessary for us to have them [illegible] to the lands & to ask that we may take them [illegible] back. The boys is Alexander Assiniee - a very nice little fellow. [illegible] Mr Hall will write you a letter & will also have his little [illegible]

fellows with long plaited hair, and
one of them on his arrival had not
on but a blanket and a pair of leggings.
The boys are intelligent looking fellows
aged 18 & 16 respectively - & seem very
anxious to learn; one of them is to be
taught Carpentering the other bootmaking.
Mr. Nelson is in communication with
the Department in regard to the establishing
of a Branch Institution on the
Rockies. If his proposals are assented
to, it is probable that he will place
his Institute Manitou House in the
hands, at any rate for a time, of
one there to inaugurate the new work.
He also hopes to establish another
Branch Home at Selkirk on the
Western boundary of Manitoba. There
has been a grant of a quarter
section of land close to the railway. The
head man of Alpowa Mission now with Captain
[illegible] title.

June 8th/87

To the Lord Bishop of Toronto

My dear Lord -

After thirteen years duty to ma Missionary work in the District of Nipissing and our Indian Homes - I deem now be allowed from that & needful onerous duties and shall be glad if you will at the meeting of our Conference at Parry Sound in August appoint some one to take my place. The charge of Muskoka now and I consider does me justice in forwarding particulars about this Mission work - this Communication being almost exclusively from the Toronto Church papers. - I have consequently had to contend difficulty especially during late years in obtaining any information as to what was being done in that important part of your Diocese. I would suggest now that the papers be edited & published in Muskoka - & I will be my duty to continue faithfully my successor with any particulars he may desire in regard to our Indian Homes. I must apologize for the first page being almost filled with the account of accounts but I have [illegible]

I am my dear Lord Yours sincerely

W. Wilson

Sault-Ste Marie
June 17 1879

Dear Dr Foreswell

We have stopped and a short time at Elkhorn but I had hard work to get here. I am still strong in favor of erecting the Branch Home at Elkhorn - strongly believe that the Bishop will agree to it. I am beginning to think that Bishops are inclined to hold back rather than help forward holy work. I have had trouble with 2 or 3 of them - However I hope the Bishop will be amiable - even to advantage that it will be heavy on our plan - I am glad from Dr Irwin - & he likes it always very much & will be with pleasure to come - if the Bishop agrees to it.

I am in communication with Forrest in reg[ard] to Branch Home at Banff. Lieut Gov Dewdney is strong in favor - recommends to build at Calgary & backs his proposal. If he does so as I think I shall put my Home here on Dan Lands & cross with my family to Banff. We will go & visit the Elkhorn Home one way & the other - I shall still retain general Superintendence

If our Homes can visit them if possible annually - Hoffs & Olson and Cinnamon Lassy. I send the Homes here to finish Homes House and if Olson more of a Corporate character. He now found I kick to host & make self. & leave. Stone to recruit his forces already taken. Jones dear I like to go ahead to Canada as you do - visit Fords help & bless Yours &c.

The 2 wild B[illegible] Rupert boys have settled wonderfully - one of them is busy shingling the new Cathedral - as a first step towards Rome - Mak.

I am glad of them Rifled the Roman Catholics at most - If I have not [illegible] a Anglo Blackfoot in their schools.

As soon as the Bp of Rupert's Land signifies his approval of the Olson Institute I will write to the Indian Department & ask for a grant.

Did you ever my letter signed 'Alberta' in the Frost Mail. "Nine Commandments for the Blackfeet"

Yrs sincerely -

J. L. McLaw

Say you wish to stay with the Blackfeet personally - but don't [illegible]

enclosed

June 2d 1849

My dear Lord -

During your absence in England I have been in communication with Mr Rowell of Elkhorn in regard to establishing an proposed Branch House at that place - & wrote to you about to which I refer for approval - We have not proceeded so far as to have obtained the Deed of free grant from the C. P. R. Co to the lots in the village of Elkhorn & made a plan of proposed buildings - & have an offer by a Contractor to build it for £1350 - which Mr R. thinks reasonable - I think for the success of the Institution it will be a great thing to have Mr. on the spot & I am interested in it - I shall be happy to hear from you early in which the site - I will also communicate freely & have the foundations in charge - later also of the Elkhorn Congregation - I have already written & seen about Mr Brown - & have heard from him that he would like my mind & take it - If you are favourable - will you kindly write to me & Mr Rowell as that he may start in building - rules & Contracts - I propose to write to Church & Peel to-morrow but it be kept always for future reference as I may have still doll for the purpose of answering hundred pounds

S. D. McLean

June 23rd 47.

My dear Mr Rowsell

Yours of the 14th just received. enclosing Letter from Mr Campbell. We are only waiting now for the Bishop. As soon as we have his approval we can go ahead at once. £1350 I still think is ample for the building - but unless for Mr Hellmuth I think it will be scarcely wise to go beyond that - as then will fall to the furnishing - & we ought to keep £400 or £500 in hand to fall back on - I almost think it will give more confidence if we make it Church property as you done here - but then ought the Trustees that no sale can be effected &c - without the approval of Rev. G. T. or successors - & that it is to be always kept for the purpose of Indian education - & if sold at any time - the money to be invested for the same purpose elsewhere - I will write again to the Bp of Rupert's Land by this mail - & ask him, if favorable, to take Grand Orchard - so that there may be no delay - I have not said any thing yet to the Indians Dept - but as soon as I know that the thing is a certainty will write them & ask

Yours sincerely

S. D. Wilson

June 23/87

My dear Mr Murray –

Yr many thanks for yr letter & enclosure of $17.50 on Alex Macpherson's acct – I sent it back a week ago from the Rocky Mountains bringing 2 wild Black foxes with me – You will see a full account in the City Mr. News – I am taking steps to establish a Branch House on a small scale at Elkhorn on the Western boundary of Manitoba – I am also in communication with parties with view to establishing another at Banff up among the Rockies – There seems the considerable likelihood that both these solicitations will come to satisfactory – I have $2000 bonded to Elkhorn now – A Limit for Lumbering in Section 9 in front of the Banff one – I want to come visit you & bring down my Indian children but the distance is so great – We have been invited to join the Provincial Protestant Demonstration in Montreal on the 12th –

Yrs sincerely
C. J. Millar

Sault St Marie
June 22nd/87

Mrs. Augustus Bacon
Dear friend -

I have received from you $2 to pay for Peter Oshkabbos passage home & have received from Mrs Hill $2 for fare of Pascoe Hill.

Please tell Mrs Hill that I will send her $10, sent to her from England, if she will say to whom I am to send it - I must have a proper receipt for it to show the friends in England - defend by herself.

Your boy Ned wishes to remain here for the holidays - Marion & Bacon can go home if you will send the money for them $2 each - I would prefer Ned's going home this autumn if you can take them - I have only just got back from a trip to the Rocky Mountains & brought back two Blackfoot boys with me - they [illegible]

June 22nd/87

C. H. Anderson Esq.
Dear Sir

Many thanks for the kind contribution of $5 from the boys' meeting Y.M.C.A. of Montreal to our Shingwauk Home -

I returned a week ago from the North West - & brought 2 wild Blackfoot boys from the foot of the Rocky Mountains -

We celebrated Sunday - by making our Protestant procession through town - the Roman Catholic Schools joining with us - a little Indian girl & a little white girl were supporting her Majesty's pictures - & about me a leaster with an Open Bible - & the words "The Queen of England's greatness" -

Yours sincerely
S. J. Wilson

June 22 / 27

Sr Edward Nicholas
to Marquis of Lorne
& Lord -

The people of our
Town are verie anxious that the
enclosed Letter should be presented
the Majesty - &, if not too
presumptuous on our part, my
Lord it is your hands only
can give us any hope here -

I remain my Lord -
Yr very respectfully
Edward Nicholas

Sault-Ste Marie
June 25/87

Dear Joseph –

You must do as you think best about going to see your people on Manitoulin – but my advice would be to you not to go away – You seem to have settled in well now – are getting the respect both of your Clergyman & the people – I think the best thing for you to do is to stick to where you are –

Will you please give and send a Copy to Mr Renison – I forgot to send it when I went to town – Also thank Miss Pipe for her letter to Mr Wilson Dawson & put it in the Ch. Missionary.

We had a great time on Jubilee day – a Procession of all the Bands &c to Mrs Chiefs – Little White girls & Indian girls carrying the Queen's picture & a Bible above it with the words 'The secret of the Lord is mine' &c &c

Yours sincerely
E. R. Wilson

No 7902

January 27th 1887

The Supt. General of Indian Affairs

Ottawa.

Sir,

Having long been impressed with the fact that sufficient is not being done in Canada for the education civilization & Christian training of the rising generation of our Indian population; and taking as I do, and as the Department is aware, a very deep interest in the welfare of these poor down trodden and yet intelligent people, I have within the last week or two been visiting (at my own expense) and inspecting closely some of the largest Institutions for Indian Children in the United States, have made all possible enquiries of the Heads of these Institutions as to the plan upon which they are conducted and the amount by which they are severally assisted by the State. I have also been to Washington and made further enquiries there at the Indian bureau, and will now with ~~your~~ the permission of the Department offer to you my report of what I have seen and noted.

and would very respectfully suggest that steps should be taken to deal more liberally and thoroughly in the future with this great question in which the interests of the whole country are so much concerned, than has been done hitherto. —

The Institutions which I visited were the Carlisle Institute near Harrisburg Penn, with 550 Indian pupils - under the control of Captn R. H. Pratt U. S. A. - The Hampton Institute, in Virginia, with 600 coloured & 135 Indian pupils under General Armstrong. The Lincoln Institute near Philadelphia with 200 pupils under Mrs Bellope Cox

The Carlisle Institute was formerly a barracks, it consists of 15 seperate buildings (exclusive of stables) distributed over a large space of ground, with band stand and flag staff in centre, and has accommodation for about 600 Indian children, boys and girls. At present there are 430 pupils in residence and over 100 more placed out with farmers. The Schools are under the charge of Captain Pratt a cavalry officer of the U. S. Army, and he employs a staff of about 40 teachers. - The Government allows the Institution $167^{\frac{50}{100}}$ per annum per capita, and they also raise about $10.000^{\frac{00}{100}}$ in other ways. The buildings are all thoroughly well furnished and heated by steam. The total expenditure per annum

being between $80.000 ⁰⁰ and $90.000 ⁰⁰ and the School has been in operation since 1879, and is very successful — General Atkins commissioner of Indian affairs whom I had the privilege of meeting in Washington, assured me that it was doing a very good work — not only in educating the Indians but in proving to the White people what the Indian can do if properly taught. — Capt.ⁿ Pratt insists on taking the children away entirely from the parents, the further they can be removed he thinks the better — and after they are educated he encourages their leaving the Reserves and settling among white people.

The Hampton Institute is for both Coloured persons and Indians, & is under the charge of General Armsbrong, originally it was for coloured folk only, Indians were first taken in 1877 — There are at present 500 coloured pupils and 135 Indians — boys and girls. Two separate buildings are set apart for the Indians to live and sleep in, but for meals and lessons they are altogether with the coloured folk. The average age of pupils is about 17. — The buildings are nearly all of red brick — large, roomy, substantial — heated by steam and most complete in every way. There is a staff of 64 teachers employed. The coloured pupils pay in part for their education

but the Indians are admitted free - and the Government allow the Institution $167- per capita.

Both this Institution and the one at Carlisle are conducted on the military system - the boys being all in uniform - and formed into battalions under regular officers - Every day at noon they march to the Dining Hall headed by their band - & numbers of visitors are generally present to see this - I was much struck by the thorough interest the teachers seem to take in the pupils, & the general good feeling which seemed to prevail - The School teachers receive from $600± to $900±00 salary - out of which they pay $3± a week for board.

The Lincoln Institute consists of two large buildings in the immediate neighbourhood of Philadelphia - and several miles apart from each other - They were both established by a benevolent lady named Mrs Cox. The Government aids these Institutions by a similar grant as that made to Carlisle & Hampton namely $167±00 per capita - per annum. There are 99 boys at present in the Boys house and 101 girls in the Girls House, they are chiefly Sioux and Ojibways and come from Minsota - Nebraska, and other distant States.

The idea seems to be in all these Homes, to remove the children as far as possible from their old Haunts and they are not allowed to go Home for holidays. The Lincoln Institute is under the auspices of the Church of England, the Carlisle and Hampton Institute are undenominational - 250 of the Lincoln girls merely board in the Institution and attend the Public School in the city.

I have endeavoured to make my account of these Institutions which I have visited as brief and concise as possible. The chief points impressed on my mind are.

1st That the U. S. Government is dealing with great thoroughness and considerable liberality with the question of Indian Education - and has evidently been led on to do so, partly from the idea of economising public funds and disposing of the Indians in a less expensive manner than by the old way of killing them off - partly by the fact that Public sentiment demands it. - There are 260.000 Indians at present in the States, and the United States Government is expending a million dollars per annum solely in the Education of the children. -

2ndly I notice that in the States it seems to be quite accepted that the day School on the Indian Reserve is of little avail except as a stepping stone to the Industrial School or Institute, and as Capt.n Pratt

well remarks even the Industrial School should only be a stepping stone to the Common Schools and High Schools of the Country — where the Indian children would mingel with the white children and emulate them in their studies & future aspirations. —

3rdly I notice that it is common for the U. S. Government to allow 167^{xx} and even more per capita for pupils in the various institutions — whereas at our Homes at Sault Ste Marie we are only allowed 160^{x} a head for 30 boys and 140^{x} a head for 15 girls out of a total of 78 pupils.

4thly I notice that in the U. States there is a disposition to do away ~~with~~ gradually with the present system of Indian Reserves - and allow each Indian so soon as he is sufficiently civilized & educated have his own homestead unhampered by any special Indian laws. I would urgently press this upon the notice of our Canadian Government No people I imagine can ever prosper who are always to be kept in a state of tutelage. A certain proportion of the Indian population (of Ontario) might go to the wall if made independant, but I believe the great bulk of them would prosper in a way they cannot be expected to do at present. It seems quite

hopeless teaching our boys Trades, so long as they have only the Indian Reserve to go back to when they leave us. If any of them wanted to buy stock and set up a trade - no wholesale establishment would trust them under existing laws. There is certainly a division of opinion in the States in regard to this plan of separating educated Indians from the Reserves, but the balance of opinion seems to be in favour of doing so, and no Institutions seem to prosper so well as those in the East far away from Indian Reservations.

And now in regard to my own particular work at Sault Ste. Marie, the Extension & Remodelling of our present buildings - and the Erection of Branch Homes in the North West & in Ontario. - Since visiting the Homes in in the States I am inclined to give up my plan for Branch Homes and to concentrate all my efforts towards the establishment of a large Central Institution at Sault Ste Marie. I believe Sault Ste. Marie to be about as good a central point as could be found, it is already the crossing point of about 8 or 10 different Steamboat lines, and I understand that within the next two years it will be the centre of 4 Railroad lines - two connecting us with the States and two with Canada. Our position on the banks of the Sault Ste Marie River is a very prominent one, - and a large Institution

established there could not but be noticed by the travelling public - There are already 8 or 10 large Institutions established in the the States either largely aided or wholly supported by the Government and it seems to me only reasonable that we should have at least one such institution established in Canada. I would propose to make our present Shingwauk Home the Girls Home and buy the farm adjoining us on the East which is already partly under cultivation and I believe can be bought at a moderate price, and establish there a new boys Home, to erect a ~~suitable~~ separate building with ~~separate~~ suitable class rooms above and Dining Hall and kitchen in basement, also work shops where 7 or 8 trades might be taught, the Indian Department employing us (as is done in the States to make farming implements, harness, tinware &c to supply to the Agencies in the North West. - I propose that the Government should undertake the cost of all this and do it in a liberal substantial manner, and when the buildings are ready allow us at least $150^{xx} per capita - say for 300 pupils so that we may be able to employ a sufficient

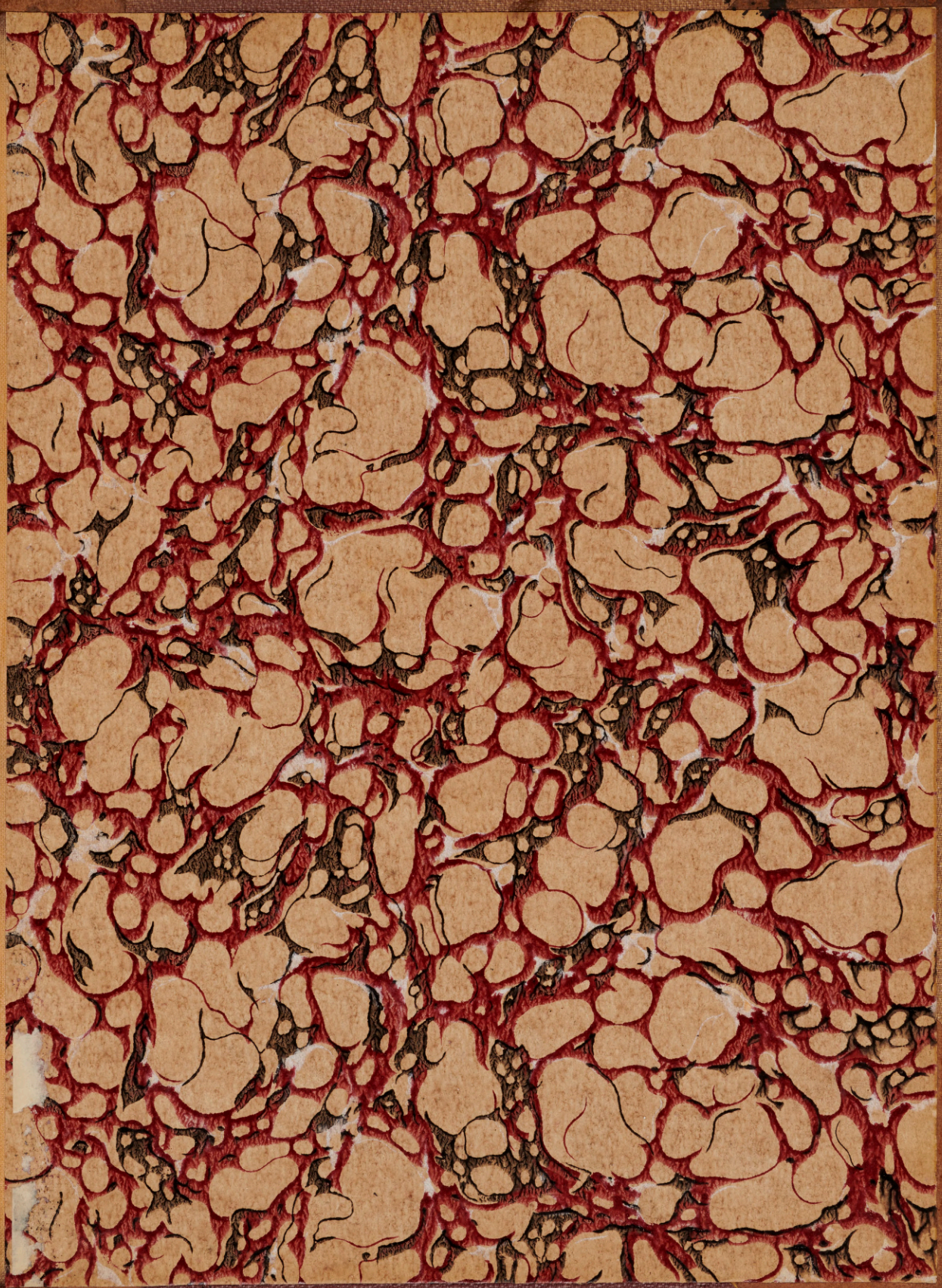
Staff of teachers & conduct and conduct the Institution on a similar plan to that which is so successfully followed in the States. I think it would be an honour to the Country to do such a work as this — General Attlee assured me that in his opinion $1. expended on educating Indians went further than $10 expended in fighting them. — If the Government will carry out this plan I wish to say that I am willing to yield all the independence that I have hitherto enjoyed and am ready to become a servant of the Department and act implicitly under their direction. I am willing that the Institution should become undenominational in so far that pupils not belonging to the Church of England be allowed to attend their own place of worship in Town & to be visited by their own ministers — provided only that the Institution continue to be strictly Protestant & that the whole Bible always be a text book in the School. The Wawanosh Home at present occupied by girls, might if this change were made be utilised either as a Junior School or a Hospital. I very earnestly trust that the Government will undertake this work — I have been struggling

amid many difficulties for the past 15 years to build up such a work as this. If the U. S. Government after due & thoughtful consideration has seen good to authorise the expenditure of $1.000.000. per annum on the education of the children of their 260.000 Indians, would it be anything out of the way for the Canadian Government to expend half a million a year on the children of our 130.000 Indians - but all I ask for is $45.000 per annum for the Sault Ste Marie Institution when established, and I suppose a like amount would require to be spent in the purchase of land and erection of buildings. To begin with I think it is not only a mistake but unjust and ungenerous to treat our Indians as paupers. If we are to give them Schools let us give them good Schools - let us acknowledge our indebtedness to them in a generous manner, in a manner worthy of a great nation. I see no reason why the pupils should not be as respectably kept and cared for as the inmates of our Blind and Deaf & dumb and other Government Institutions. As with the blind and the deaf and dumb their condition is their misfortune

and not their fault. It is not right (in my estimation) that Indian children should be treated as paupers and they ought at least to get as good food and clothing as the best of them would get in their own homes. Many of the parents of our children are respectable farmers living in good houses – & yet we have often to depend on gifts of cast off clothing to cover our pupils - & to feed them at 3½ or 4 cents a meal each.

I may just add in conclusion that the people of Sault Ste Marie are fully in accord with me in my desire to extend my work and are always ready to assist our pupils as apprentices. Ten years ago they were greatly prejudiced against us, but having watch us closely for the last 10 years & seen for themselves the results of our system they are now one and all in favour of our work.

I have the honor to be Sir,

Yr obedient Servant.

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